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SCENES IN THE CHAMBER—THE SPEAKER'S BELL—COMPOSITION OF THE HOUSE—ANOTHER BALLOON ACCIDENT—HOW MADMEN ARE DEALT WITH.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 10, 1875.

Yesterday I again went to Versailles, expecting to see an exciting scene over the first vote for the seventy-five Senators to be drawn from the Chamber, but to an outside spectator the session was uninteresting and extremely tame. Although the Duc d'Audiffret-Pasquier was in his place nearly an hour earlier than usual, there were but few members present, and what few there were seemed to be lounging about the lobbies. The greater portion of the seats were vacant. Here and there a Deputy was in his seat busily engaged in writing private letters or reading the papers, and about the hall there stood groups of five or six discussing, in a loud tone and animated manner, the probabilities of the struggle about to begin. There was a hum of voices which drowned the Speaker's voice, and he paused in the midst of his reading to give a single tap upon his bell. This bell, about the size of a family coffee urn, is suspended upon a silver framework, and works upon pivots. From the top projects a handle some twelve inches long, and this the Duke seizes when he wishes to call the house to order. As the clapper works stiffly, a pressure of the handle causes a single tap; an up and down movement of the handle gives two taps only; but it requires a vigorous movement of the arm to give the rapid tintinnabulation of ordinary hand-bells. It is only when the Duke gets in a passion that he makes use of the arm-force necessary to bring out this sound, and then unruly members know that it is time to look out. After such exertion the Duke drops the paper he is reading and looks about savagely. If any noisy Deputy then catches his attention he cries out: "*M. X., je vous—ra—pelle—à l'ordre,*" accentuating the syllables with an up and down, pumphandle movement of both arms that would be extremely comical in any man but a Duke. As an orator Duc d'Audiffret is not famous. It seems as if he were scolding some one every time he tries to speak, but when you get accustomed to him it is easy to tell when he is in good humor. Yesterday he began to read in the midst of the uproar, gave a tap upon the bell without looking at it or stopping in his reading, and from time to time he would give a single tap, often making two or three attempts to catch the handle without turning his eyes toward it, then turning his eye-glass full upon it, as it astonished to find that it had run away. Another tap, and on he went reading to the end, not one word of what he said reaching half across the hall.

A BALLOT.

However, that made but little difference, for his reading was a mere formality, the document having been printed and distributed. He was introducing the proposition to elect the seventy-five Senators to be chosen by the Assembly. The Duke sat down and began to busy himself with his papers without paying the slightest attention to the Chamber. The Deputies continued talking in groups. After a time we saw the urns going about and knew that the ballot was progressing, but beyond that we could see nothing. An hour was taken up with the counting of the votes, although the counters had been doubled, and night came before anything was done. In a matter of so great importance it may cause surprise that so few members were present, but this was owing to the fact that Deputies can vote by proxy. The ballots are placed in each desk, and a Deputy who is absent, or who is in the lobby and does not care to come in, asks a friend to do his voting for him. In the official vote every name appears. This renders the spectacle of an ordinary ballot very tame indeed, and it is hardly worth while visiting the Chamber on voting days. The result of the ballot threw the Assembly into a state of excitement that is indescribable. There were some one hundred and twenty odd candidates for the seventy-five seats in the Senate, and when the result was declared it was found that only two Senators had been elected, the Duc d'Audiffret-Pasquier and M. Martel. But the latter was elected by only one vote, and that vote was a blank. In parliamentary work such blank votes may be counted in favor of the candidate, and it was so counted. If it had not been counted M. Martel would have fallen short of the required number. It is yet a question whether or not he has been elected, and some of the Deputies have already announced their intention of questioning the legality of counting this blank vote in his favor.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE HOUSE.

For these seventy-five seats each side of the house has a list of seventy-five names. But the left have put a certain number of names upon their list which are found on the list of the Right. Duc D'Audiffret, for example, was put upon both lists out of compliment to him as the presiding officer, and to this fact his election was due. M. Martel is on the list of the Left, and this involves a curious situation. The Orleanists made out the list of the Right, and, of course, gave themselves the lion's share. The Bonapartists were to be excluded at first, but when this was found a dangerous operation they were accorded three names. The men mentioned refused the offer, saying that they should owe their seats in the Senate, if they had them, to the people alone, and the party said that it could not give its support to the Orleanists for the miserable pittance of three seats. But the latter were inclined to make light of the importance of the Bonapartist vote. So far as Duc D'Audiffret was concerned, no objection was made; but when it came to the second name, the Bonapartists went with the Left and voted for M. Martel. It was clear, therefore, that if the Bonapartists continued to do this—and they have six votes in reserve, not cast for M. Martel—every man upon the list of the Left would be elected, and all of the seventy-five Senators would be Republican rather than Orleanist. Thus were destroyed the hopes of packing the Senate with the partisans of the Orleans Princes. The excitement that this caused was intense. Angry glances were cast upon the Bonapartist group, but that could do no good. There is but one alternative: either the Right-Centre (Orleanists) will have to divide the names fairly with the Bonapartists and Legitimists, or a Republican Senate will be elected. The Right came back to Paris last night more discouraged than it has ever yet been, and the Orleanist leaders were in dismay. To-day a fresh attempt will be made, but I see no reason for thinking that much progress will be made.

A BALLOON ACCIDENT.

Another balloon accident occurred on Wednesday. We have here what is called the "Military Committee of Aeronauts," composed of scientific army officers, who make a great many atmospheric experiments. They frequently send up a balloon for the purpose of making certain tests, and thus furnish employment for the professional aeronauts like Godard, Tissandier, and Fonvielle. The balloons are chartered and paid for out of a special fund devoted to scientific researches. For some time past the Univers has been waiting to take up some members of this committee for the purpose of making special studies at different altitudes, but the weather has been stormy and cold. On Wednesday, however, the conditions were found more favorable, and though Godard was in favor of further delay, his companions were impatient. The Univers is a balloon of 3,000 cubic yards and has a car which weighs 1,600 pounds. It is the same used by Godard in his Brussels ascensions. When filled with gas at La Villette, eight persons stepped into the car: Col. Laussédat, Major Mangin, Capts. Bidard and Renard, all of the Military Committee, Godard and his assistant, Térés, a Spanish balloonist, and Albert Tissandier, brother of Gaston Tissandier, the companion of the unfortunate Crocé and Sivel. At 11 o'clock the cords were cut, and the balloon, having some two hundred sacks of sand on board, rose slowly into the air and drifted rapidly away above Vincennes. "Now to your pencils," said Col. Laussédat, "the time has come for taking notes; we are 200 mètres from the earth." The port of Vincennes had just been passed, and the vineyards of Montreuil were near at hand, when a sharp whistling sound was heard. Godard looked up quickly, and, seizing a handful of sand, threw it out. Instead of falling, the sand came back into the car, which was proof that the balloon itself was falling. Godard, Térés, and Tissandier immediately began to throw over sand, and told the others to do so, but they seem to have been panic-stricken. The lower part of the balloon collapsed, and Térés went up to see if he could push it out, but found the gas escaping from an enormous rent. The Univers was falling to the ground, as a peasant described it, like a "bundle of rags," and in some ten seconds struck in an empty lot. The car was half buried in the earth, so heavy was the shock. When within fifty yards of the ground Godard sprang into the ropes and told the others to do the same, but Tissandier alone was quick enough to do so. Godard lost two seconds while trying to get the other up, and hence came down to the ground with such force that his knee-pan was shattered. Térés, who was up in the ropes all the time, was uninjured; Tissandier escaped with some severe bruises; Col. Laussédat had his left leg broken in three places; Major Mangin had his left leg broken; one of the Captains had his fibula broken, and the other was stretched out senseless. Fortunately none of the party were so severely injured as to endanger their lives, but at last reports there are fears that amputation will be necessary in the case of Col. Laussédat. Godard thinks that the rent in the balloon was caused by the intensely cold weather of the past few days.

THE "RIGHT OF REUNION."

Yesterday some excitement was caused among the Americans in Paris by the rumor that the Police had interfered with our religious ceremonies. Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, of the American Chapel, has been in the habit of giving Wednesday evening receptions at his house, giving his friends tea and conversation, and as these soirées became popular he turned them to account by making them the occasion for Bible instruction. A sort of Bible class, but of a purely informal nature, met for some time, and then Mr. Hitchcock began to announce it from his pulpit. At the close of divine service on Sundays he would say that "the next meeting of the Bible class would be at his house on Wednesday evening." This fact made the meetings "public reunions" within the meaning of the French law, but they were merely private gatherings so long as they were not publicly announced. The Police came to make inquiries, and Mr. Hitchcock very properly ceased to announce the weekly Bible class from his pulpit. At first it was supposed that this was due to the hostility of the Ultramontanes against anything resembling Protestant propaganda, but it was found that the affair could be reduced to more vulgar proportions. The habits of the Pastor's servant were interfered with on Wednesday evenings, and he did not like it; the concierge, being a good Catholic, of course found it intolerable that his stairs should be muddied by so many Protestant feet; the proprietor of the house had not leased it as a hall for "public reunions," and could not tolerate so much usage for so little rent. Then the question came as to how the meetings could be stopped. In the case of French tenants the thing is easy. The concierge simply begins a system of petty tyranny that makes life intolerable; but that rarely works with Americans, for they do not care in the least about the words or the acts of their concierge. They never treat them with the deference that the French do, and pay no attention whatever to their sulks and angry glances. These concierges are nearly all petty tyrants. I had one who tried all sorts of tricks with me for a long time, but my patience outwore his. One day he came to me in the most solemn manner and said: "Monsieur has probably remarked that I am not content." I told him that I had not remarked anything of the kind, that it made no sort of difference to me whether he was or not, that I probably should never trouble myself to remark anything of the sort, and that, to speak plainly, his sentiments and feelings were matters of perfect indifference to me. I presume that he came to the conclusion that he had kept himself in a stew for nothing, and had gone to a great deal of trouble to no end, for he became a very amiable and useful servitor after that. Mr. Hitchcock probably felt the same toward his concierge, and hence some plan of attack had to be devised. It was found in the law against public reunions. To the credit of the Police it must be said that they were not at all anxious to interfere, and regretted being forced to do so, or to make any inquiry; but the whole thing fell to the ground when Mr. Hitchcock ceased giving out the public notices from his pulpit after divine worship on Sunday.

STRANGE TREATMENT OF LUNATICS.

I think that I have given you an account of the lunatic of Saint-Omer, the man named Leprêtre, who escaped from the asylum and took refuge in a tower. There he remained for three days, defying all attempts at capture, and defending the narrow winding stairs with bricks taken from the chimney. The whole town was out to watch the struggle, and the troops were called upon to maintain order in the streets. On the third day a trumpeter volunteered to make another attempt to rush upon the crazy man, who thought that he was defending his life, but in a moment the soldier was rolling down the stairs badly wounded in the head. The sight of his blood seems to have maddened the crowd, which cried out with indignation, forgetting that the author was a senseless creature, and the Sous-prefect ordered the troops to fire upon Leprêtre. They fired a hundred shots, wounding the lunatic in several places, when the General commanding came up and put a stop to this terrible work. He asked who had ordered the firing. "I did it," said M. Ritt, the Sous-prefect, "and I take the responsibility." "Then I must tell you," said the General, "that you have no right to give orders to my men for such work as this. If you want to continue it, you have your own Police." The General ordered the soldiers back to keep order in the street. Nothing daunted, and encouraged by the howling mob, M. Ollivier Ritt called up his gendarmes and ordered them to fire upon the lunatic. As they were slow in obeying, M. Van Cassel, the Procureur of the Republic for the district, seized a revolver from the belt of a gendarme and discharged all the chambers at Leprêtre. The latter was entirely naked, having escaped from his bed in the asylum in his shirt, and was covered with blood, having been wounded in several places. He dodged about to avoid the fire of the Police, which was kept up for some hours, and when he felt himself growing feeble from loss of blood, tried to hide in the chimney. His foot slipped, and he came rolling down to the lower floor, when he was captured. Fortunately none of his many wounds were mortal, but public opinion revolted against this summary way of treating a crazy creature, and MM. Ritt and Van Cassel were sent before the Assizes of Douai. Well, as incredible as it may appear, these two worthies have been sentenced to the laughable fine of 100 francs in the case of M. Ritt and fifty francs in the case of Van Cassel. It is is one of the most astounding sentences of which I ever heard in my life.

DEATHS BY SUICIDE.

FOUR CASES OF FELO-DE-SE REPORTED FROM ELMIRA—FINDINGS OF THE CORONER'S JURY.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ELMIRA, Friday, Dec. 24, 1875.

In a week's time there have been no less than four cases of suicide in this vicinity. On Monday a young man named William H. Block, aged eighteen, living in the town of Erin with his step-father, Isaac Wood, had a quarrel with his step-sister, Isabella Wood. During the quarrel he kicked, beat, and choked her until she was nearly dead, and then left her lying on the ground. As soon as sufficiently recovered she started to make a complaint against Block before a Magistrate. He went into the woods, and helped his step-father cut wood until noon. The latter came home to his dinner, but Block did not come in. Mr. Wood went back to his work after dinner, and could see nothing of his step-son, but as he was of a peculiar disposition nothing strange was thought of his absence. Toward evening Wood returned home, and went to doing up his chores about the barn. Going up into the hay-loft he was horrified to see the dead body of young Block hanging from the ridge-pole by a halter. The Coroner was notified, and a verdict found according to the facts stated. On the same day, in the evening, Mrs. Louisa Ann Thompson, the wife of a car-driver, living in First street, this city, killed herself by taking a dose of strychnine, dying in great agony. The facts as elicited at the Coroner's inquest are peculiarly distressing. The Thompsons had lived in the neighborhood for some time, and the deceased was regarded as an exemplary woman by her neighbors. The couple lived happily together to all appearances. It was rumored, however, that the young woman was not Thompson's wife, although they had lived together as such for over three years. Her name was Anna Louisa Burdick. It seems that Thompson had made up his mind to desert her and marry another woman at Christmas. Rather than see him wed another she chose to put herself out of the way, and committed suicide as stated. She was a handsome woman, only twenty-three years of age. Her remains were taken to Montrose, Penn., where her relatives reside. Her determination to die was evident from the large quantity of the poison she swallowed, taking more than enough to kill a dozen people. Her cries, while she was dying, were heard more than a block away. On Wednesday a young girl named Ida Cooper, employed in the house of Lucien Chase, in Otego, committed suicide by taking arsenic. Her parents live at Wells Bridge. It was shown before the Coroner that her father took up all her wages, and did not furnish her with sufficient clothing to keep her warm or even decently clad. Her employers say that she was a good, respectable girl, and had no other cause to destroy herself, to their knowledge, than the one stated. On Saturday afternoon last Mrs. Mattie E. Personious, of Mott's Corners, left her home, and not returning for some time search was made for her. She was found in a stream near by, with the lower part of her body above and her head and shoulders below the water. The body was removed, and it was found that she had fastened a large stone, weighing some fifty pounds, about her neck with a rope, which held her down until she was drowned.

SENTENCED FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS.

UTICA, Dec. 24.—George Ellis, alias George Stoner, arrested in New-York a few weeks ago for complicity in the Germond masked burglary, near this city, Aug. 9, with Daniel Leary, "Burkie" Malone, and James Lambard, who are now under sentences of eighteen years each for this offense, to-day received a similar sentence from Judge Bliss, in this city. He is the fourth of the gang of six that has been convicted on the evidence of William J. Conroy, alias Christie, of Cold Spring, an accomplice. Ellis was born in Pennsylvania, is a butcher by trade, and is thirty-two years of age, and is charged with having been concerned in the robbery of the Nunda, N. Y., Wilkesbarre, Penn., and other banks, and many burglaries. He is a member of the Highland brigands who operated on the Hudson River, and was the witness who charged "Billy" Forrester with the Nathan murder in New-York. "Tom" Scott, alias Ryan, alias Riley, alias Walter Monroe, was brought from Philadelphia last week, being the last member of the Germond burglary gang, and will be tried next week.

TWICE INDICTED.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 24.—It seems that the Owen County troubles are not yet through with; but that somebody is still ready and determined to fan the flames and keep alive the bitter spirit resulting from the troubles. Thomas Walker, it will be remembered, was one of the posse which formerly acted under the command of Willis Russell, and while acting in the capacity of a special-bailiff of the United States Court, was accused of shooting George Miffort, who has since been convicted of conspiracy against the United States Government. Some time after the Owen County troubles, Walker was indicted in the County Court for shooting Miffort. The United States Court secured his release on a writ of habeas corpus, and he was tried and acquitted by the Federal power. Recently the civil court again indicted Walker for the same offense, and the trial resulted in his imprisonment, by order of Judge McManama. The United States Marshal is now trying to secure Walker's release on another writ of habeas corpus, which has been issued by the United States Court, but not yet served.

NAVAL GAZETTE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Lieut. Commander Edwin T. Woodward is ordered to the Vandalia as Executive Officer; Ensigns Orin E. Lasher, Frank B. Miller, D. M. Velder, and S. W. B. Diehl, Passed Assistant Paymaster J. Porter Loomis, Gunner Samuel D. Hines, and Acting Carpenter Solon H. Maloon, to the Vandalia. Lieut. Commander John McGowan reports his detachment from the Juniata, European station, on the 29th ult., by Rear Admiral Worden, and has been granted permission to remain in Europe. Lieut. H. Q. Hundy is detached from the Coast Survey on the 30th inst., and ordered to the Vandalia on the 10th of January next; Lieut. Francis M. Burlier, from special duty, and ordered to the Vandalia on the 10th of January; Master John W. Danenhower, from the Colorado, and ordered to the Vandalia on the 10th of January.

A DEFAULTER IN CUSTODY.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 24.—Sheriff Anderson arrived last night from San Francisco with A. Woodward in charge, and lodged him in jail. Woodward, some two years ago, was County Trustee, and absconded, leaving a deficit of about $160,000. He intimates that others shared in the embezzlement, and that he will make it warm for them when the proper time comes, as thus far he is the only one who has suffered.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

FRANCE.

DEBATE ON THE PRESS BILL IN THE ASSEMBLY—THE BONAPARTISTS VOTING WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—In the Assembly to-day the Press bill was under debate.

M. Grévy proposed that the Press law and the state of siege be dealt with in separate bills; that the state of siege be raised throughout the country, and the consideration of the Press bill be postponed.

M. Buffet defended the Government's bill as it stood. He denied, notwithstanding the result of the Senatorial elections, the existence of an opposition majority. The Ministry would support the Conservative union both at the elections and in the Chambers. He pointed to the overthrow of several previous Governments to which the whole Conservative population freely adhered. The Conservative union would appeal to all the partisans of those Governments. He showed how the Bonapartists had supported the Senatorial candidates of the Left, and gained nothing in return, and asked, "Will our alliance afford them any less guarantees?" He concluded as follows: "The Constitution of the 25th of February is not the last word of political wisdom, but we must admit that it is law. The country requires reorganization. It must return to the Chambers men who are disposed to pursue, in conjunction with President McMahon, the policy of social preservation and give aid to the victor of Magenta, who will never become the docile instrument of radical passions."

M. Laboulaye objected that M. Buffet offered the country a Marshal without the Republic.

M. Grévy's proposal to legislate separately on the Press laws and the state of siege was rejected by a vote of 376 to 303.

The Bonapartists voted with the Government.

THE BREMERHAVEN EXPLOSION.

THOMAS DISCOVERED TO HAVE BEEN A NATIVE OF PRUSSIA.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* this afternoon has a special telegram from Berlin which says that Thomas, otherwise Thomassen, who attempted to destroy the steamer Mosel with dynamite, is a native of Germany. He was born at Bockholt, in Prussian Westphalia, but was taken to America at the age of two years.

SPAIN.

MORE TROOPS FOR CUBA—THE SPANISH PRESS ON THE RETENTION OF CUBA.

MADRID, Dec. 24.—The *Imparcial* states that 900 soldiers will embark for Cuba on the 30th inst.

The *Epoca* declares that Spain is resolved to retain Cuba even if the insurgents should obtain greater forces and couldrely on some powerful protector.

MALACCA.

BRITISH OCCUPATION OF KINTAH WITHOUT LOSS—FLIGHT OF THE MALAYS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The *Times*, in its second edition to-day, has a special telegram from Penang, dated to-day, to the following effect: Gen. Colborne reports that he has taken Kintah without any loss. The Maharajahs Ismail and Lela fled to Palane.

MARINE DISASTER.

THE KENILWORTH PUTS BACK TO QUEENSTOWN WITH LOSS OF PROPELLER.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 24.—The steam-ship Kenilworth, Capt. Prowse, which left Liverpool on the 13th and this port on the following day, for Philadelphia, has returned here, having lost her propeller.

CUBA.

TWEED'S ARRIVAL ON THE ISLAND DENIED BY THE AUTHORITIES.

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—Careful inquiry at the office of the Chief of Police and at the Custom-house, where all passengers must land, failed to confirm the report of the presence of William M. Tweed in this city. No one exactly answering his description is known to have landed here within the present week. A large man from New-York, who is here on a visit, and bears at a distance a slight resemblance to Tweed, was seen by some New-Yorkers and mistaken for him, but he proves to be twenty years younger.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

NEWBURG, Dec. 24.—A passenger train on the Connecticut Western Railroad ran into some freight cars on the side-track near Millerton, last night, the accident occurring through the neglect of a switchman. The baggageman, named Burke, was fatally hurt and several others slightly.

MILFORD, Penn., Dec. 24.—Daniel Decker obtained a verdict of $5,672 50 against the Erie Railway Company here yesterday, for the burning of his hotel at Shohola, March 6, 1872. The fire was communicated by a locomotive spark. The company will doubtless carry the case to the Supreme Court.

NEW BRIDGE OVER THE SCHUYLKILL.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—On the 29th of November last Col. Scott, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, submitted to Mayor Stokely a proposition to erect a bridge over the Schuylkill River at Market street, where the old structure once stood, and to have the same completed before the 1st of January next. This proposition was accepted, and at 1 o'clock to-day the bridge, having been practically completed, was thrown open to the public, the work of its construction having been done in less than twenty-one days from the time the Mayor signed the ordinance authorizing it.

CALIFORNIA MINING STOCKS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The following are the closing official prices of mining stocks to-day: Consolidated Virginia, 391½; California, 70¾; Segregated Belcher, 86; Ophir, 50; Chollar, 94½; Savage, new stock, 15½; Imperial, 9; Mexican, 13¾; Gould and Curry, 18¾; Best and Belcher, 58; Hale and Norcross, 44; Crown Point, 26¾; Yellow Jacket, 100; Empire, 5½; Alpha, 19¼; Belcher, 30½; Confidence, 20; Sierra Nevada, 19¾; Exchequer, 10½; Overman, 64; Justice, 25⅜; Caledonia, 23¼.

THE CENTENNIAL.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—There has just been received in this city a formal acceptance by Pope Pius IX. of an invitation by the Centennial authorities requesting his Holiness to give his recognition to the enterprise by contributing to the Exposition works of art from the galleries of the Vatican, or from the worshops over which he has control. The letters of the Pope are couched in the warmest terms of friendship for the United States.

The Provincial Government of Ontario has granted $22,000 for promoting the Centennial Exhibition. This is in addition to the appropriation by the Dominion Government.

PREVENTING CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—On a petition of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, the Council, to-night, compelled the managers of the Howard Atheneum to withdraw from their programme the performance of two children acrobats.

MOODY AND SANKEY.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The services at the prayer-meeting at noon to-day were for the reformation of the weak-minded and intemperate. The attendance was large. A great many requests for prayer for persons addicted to strong drink were read. Mr. Moody then delivered an address on the subject of intemperance. He was listened to with attention, and his remarks were so effective as to bring tears to the eyes of a great many persons in the congregation. The hymn "Rescue the Perishing" was sung, and several persons in the audience related their experience. Silent prayer followed, and the meeting was dismissed. There will be no meeting either this or to-morrow evening.

THE WHISKY CONSPIRACY.

AFFECTING INTERVIEW BETWEEN COL. JOYCE AND HIS WIFE IN THE MISSOURI PENITENTIARY—SEIZURE AND SEARCH OF MRS. JOYCE'S TRUNKS BY THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Joyce, wife of Col. Joyce, arrived in Jefferson City yesterday morning with her little girl and babe, and at once proceeded to the Penitentiary where her husband is confined. She had not seen Joyce since his incarceration, and the meeting between the two is described to have been most affecting. During her recent severe trials Mrs. Joyce has sustained herself with remarkable heroism. While waiting in the reception-room of the prison yesterday she endeavored to preserve her accustomed composure; but when her husband emerged from the adjoining room, clad in his convict stripes, she at once gave way to her overburdened feelings. She finally became composed, and had a conversation with him lasting several hours. Joyce bore the meeting and the tears of his wife manfully, but when the prison authorities notified them that the interview must end, and she arose to say good-by, and told him that she would return the next day and bring the baby, born since his imprisonment, to see him, he broke down and left her presence abruptly. During the absence of Mrs. Joyce from her hotel the United States Marshal, accompanied by Assistant District Attorney Bliss, and a detective, proceeded to the room which had been assigned her and seized all her baggage. The trunks were then opened in the presence of Mrs. Joyce and searched for United States bonds, and other wealth of Joyce, alleged to be in his wife's possession. Mrs. Joyce took the matter quietly, and watched the examination of her dresses and her baby's apparel, with evident unconcern. Though her entire baggage was overhauled no bonds or papers could be found except a few letters received by her from friends and relatives. The Marshal assured Mrs. Joyce that it was a most disagreeable, and he thought a very small, piece of business to be engaged in, but that he was bound to obey the orders of the court. Mrs. Joyce replied that it made no difference to her, and was not unexpected. She had been advised several days before her departure from Green Lake to pack her trunks so as to give as little inconvenience as possible to those who might want to overhaul them. She also remarked that since her arrival in Jefferson City she had learned that a detective had shadowed her and her baggage all the way from Wisconsin, and she was sorry she did not know it, as she would have delivered formal possession of her trunks, and thus relieved herself of the trouble of looking after them. Though the alleged object of the search was for bonds and other personal property of Joyce, it is stated, on pretty good authority, that the real purpose of the Government in making the levy was to possess itself of certain letters from Babcock to Joyce, directly criminating the former in the Whisky Ring frauds, which they had been advised Mrs. Joyce had packed away in her trunks.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—1 A. M.—The barometer has fallen over the lake region and the Atlantic States, and a storm centre has passed from the Indian Territory north-eastward to Canada; easterly winds, with rain have prevailed over the lower lakes and Middle States, and snow is now reported in New-England; southerly winds and clear weather prevail in the Gulf States; north and west winds and clear or clearing weather prevail in the North-west. The rivers have risen at Nashville, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, and Shreveport.

PROBABILITIES.

For Saturday, in the South Atlantic and Gulf States, rising barometer, westerly winds, warmer, clear weather.

For Tennessee, the Ohio, Upper Mississippi, and Lower Missouri Valleys, and the upper lakes, rising barometer, cooler, north-west to south-west winds, clear or partly cloudy weather.

For the lower lakes, westerly winds, cooler, clearing weather, and rising barometer.

For the Middle and Eastern States south-west winds, stationary or rising barometer, warmer, cloudy and clearing weather.

The Upper Ohio will fall.

For the canal regions of New-Jersey and Virginia temperature remains above freezing.

Cautionary signals continue on the middle Atlantic coast, and are ordered for New-England.

IN THIS CITY.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding date of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudnut's pharmacy:

	1874.	1875.		1874.	1875.
3 A. M.	39°	45°	3:30 P. M.	40°	36°
6 A. M.	38°	41°	6 P. M.	35°	42°
9 A. M.	38°	39°	9 P. M.	32°	37°
12 M.	40°	39°	12 P. M.	30°	36°

Average temperature yesterday....39⅜°

Average temperature for corresponding date last year....36½°

ICE GORGES.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 24.—The mild weather of the last few days started the ice in the river to-day. The detached ice became gorged about two miles below Wilkesbarre and the water has risen rapidly. It is now seventeen feet above low-water mark, and has overflowed the right bank. The flats between here and Kingston are partially submerged, and street-car travel has been stopped between the two places. The weather is now colder, with a driving snow-storm, and the river is at a standstill.

PORT JERVIS, Dec. 24.—During the break-up in the Delaware River yesterday, a small ice-pack formed in the spot occupied by the great gorge of last Winter; it remained in position about two hours, and attracted much attention.

MARINE DISASTERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Signal Service Observer at Long Branch reports that the three-masted schooner Philadelphia, from Boston, in ballast, went ashore at Sea Bright, one and a half miles north of that station, at 8:30 P. M., high tide; wind forty-eight miles an hour, east; heavy rain. The crew are safe, but will not come ashore. The Signal Service Observer at Squan Beach reports the schooner Harriet S. Brooks, bound for Newcastle, from Providence, was driven ashore one mile north of that station, at 9:10 P. M. The crew consisted of six hands, none of whom were lost. No cargo; wind east; rainy; heavy swell. The life-saving crew boarded her at 9:30 P. M. No assistance was needed, and the Captain and crew refused to leave the schooner. She will probably be saved.

THE QUEBEC PARLIAMENT.

QUEBEC, Dec. 24.—In the House this afternoon the Lieutenant Governor gave assent to a number of bills, and prorogued the Parliament of the province of Quebec. Hon. Mr. Cauchon, the newly-appointed President of the Council of the Dominion Cabinet, was to-day returned to Parliament by acclamation in the Quebec Centre.

SPEAKER KERR.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Mr. Speaker Kerr and family arrived in this city Thursday, to remain during the Congressional vacation with his friend, Col. Henry D. Welch, but he to-day received a telegram announcing the illness of his brother, James K. Kerr, of Pittsburg, and will leave to-morrow morning for that city. He expects to return in a few days.

THE CONNECTICUT STRIKERS.

The Hartford *Times* of Dec. 23 says: "About one thousand workmen at Rockville are now out of work in consequence of the strike. They are mostly from the different woolen mills; but the workmen of the Glasgow (gingham) mill have also joined them. The men in the New-England and Hockanum mills have not yet joined the strike, and may not. About $1 10 a day is the average rate of wages, on which a proposed reduction of ten per cent. was to go into effect on the 1st of January—and that led to the strike. Board in Rockville is $4 50 a week. Many of the striking weavers and spinners (especially the Germans) have a little money saved ahead. They expect the mills will be willing to start up again at present prices, as the stock now on hand of manufactured goods is small. On the other hand, some of the mill agents seem to think they had 'just as lief keep the machinery idle as not' this Winter."

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

There will be no Stock Board in San Francisco to-day.

Three inches of snow fell in Milford, Penn., yesterday afternoon.

The second trial of Piper, the alleged murderer of Mabel Young, has been fixed for Feb. 1, at Boston.

The second trial of E. W. Major, for poisoning his wife Ida, commenced at Nashua, N. H., yesterday.

There was a shock of earthquake in Placer, Nevada, and Yuba counties, California, on Thursday night, but no damage is reported.

The Pacific Mail steam-ship Granada, from Panama, has arrived in San Francisco, and will go on the Australian line on the 3d prox.

Charles Shatley, who was run over by a wagon at Fourth and Race streets, Philadelphia, last Thursday, died of his injuries yesterday.

A dispatch from San Diego, Cal., says the report of a revolution at San Rafael is still unconfirmed, but rumors of trouble there continue to arrive.

Patrick Kanen, who was convicted in Cleveland, Ohio, of manslaughter, in starving his idiot son to death, has been sentenced to the Penitentiary for ten years.

At a meeting of the creditors of Ferdinand Geldowski, of Boston, held yesterday, the proposition to pay thirty-three and one-third cents on the dollar was accepted.

The trial of Embry, for the attempted assassination of Col. D. R. Anthony at Leavenworth, Kan., in May last, was concluded yesterday, and resulted in his acquittal.

Charles Allen, a brakeman on a freight train on the Fitchburg Railroad, was instantly killed on Thursday last by coming in contact with a bridge near Mount Feake Cemetery.

Gov. Hendricks, of Indiana, has accepted an invitation to deliver the opening address of the Southern States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition, at New-Orleans, on February 26 next.

Dr. Kare Ruhl, one of the editors of the Philadelphia *German Demokrat*, died suddenly yesterday morning in that city. He was for many years proprietor of a German newspaper in San Francisco.

Hockenberry & Snyder, real estate and ice dealers, Paterson, N. J., have made an assignment to G. A. Hobart. Their liabilities are $50,000. The assets consist mainly of unproductive real estate.

Charles Fetters, aged forty years, was run over by a car of the Germantown Passenger Railway, in Philadelphia, Thursday night, and so severely injured that he died early the next morning.

Patrick Ryan was yesterday, at Wilkesbarre, convicted of murder in the second degree, for killing J. Tooley last September. Judge Harding sentenced him to eleven years and ten months in the Penitentiary.

Diphtheria is raging to an alarming extent in portions of Wayne County, Penn. Thomas Craigo, of Aldenville, has lost four children from this disease within a few days, and Mr. Craigo is himself very low with it.

Judge Ludlow has granted the mandamus asked for by W. H. Boileaw and Margaret Jones, compelling the Mount Moriah Cemetery Association, at Philadelphia, to received and allow to be buried the body of Henry Jones, colored.

The young man Dorr, missing from Bucksport, Me., for over a week, was found dead in the captain's bunk of the Ralph Ross, which is laid up for the Winter at Bucksport. Part of his clothes and a bottle of morphine were found on the table in the cabin.

Investigation shows that the affairs of the Lancaster Savings Bank, in Boston, are much worse than was at first supposed. It is said that at least $250,000 of its funds have been loaned upon securities which have proved entirely worthless. A Receiver will soon be appointed.

The dry goods store of Crapo & Co., Albany, was entered by burglars Thursday night, and robbed of about eight thousand dollars' worth of silks, all of which, however, were recovered, as the burglars were detected at the railroad depot, when they dropped their plunder and escaped.

The barracks at St. Helen's Island, near Montreal, were destroyed by fire last night. The officers' quarters were saved, but the armory, with a full complement of arms and cannon, was totally destroyed. The powder and cartridges were removed. Loss estimated at $30,000; said to be insured.

George P. Rowell & Co. report that twenty-six newspapers were started in the United States and Canada during the week ending Dec. 25. The suspensions in the same period were twenty-nine. Of the new journals twenty are weeklies, four monthlies, one semi-weekly, and one daily. The suspensions comprised twenty-two weekly, three daily, one semi-weekly, and three monthly journals.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

A frame building in Daniel street Portsmouth, owned by A. J. Badger, and occupied by himself and two other small dealers, was nearly destroyed by fire Thursday night. The loss is estimated at $4,000; partially insured.

The fire at Red Oak, Iowa, last Thursday, destroyed the entire east side of the public square. The buildings were all of wood, however, and the loss will not be more than $20,000. Insured in Western companies.

The White Spring Farm buildings and mansion, near Geneva, owned by James O. Sheldon, were totally destroyed by fire between 1 and 2 o'clock Thursday night. The loss is $50,000; insurance, $26,000.

The Grand Trunk buildings at Milwaukee Junction, near Detroit, and the Exchange Hotel, adjoining, were burned yesterday morning. The loss is estimated at $12,000; partially insured.

An incendiary fire at North Adams yesterday, destroyed a barn belonging to the estate of the late W. S. Blackinton. The loss is $3,000; no insurance.

INDICTED FOR RECEIVING A BRIBE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—The United States Grand Jury to-day returned an indictment against Harry Holloway, Superintendent of the Post Office and brother to the Postmaster, charging him with receiving $2,000 from W. C. Mason in consideration of securing for Mason a contract for repairing mail-bags, sacks, &c. As soon as Mr Holloway learned of his indictment he tendered his resignation as Superintendent of the Post Office, and, in company with his attorney, presented himself at the United States Marshal's office for arrest, and gave bond in the sum of $2,000. Mr. Holloway courts an immediate trial, and is sanguine of an acquittal.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.

HARTFORD, Dec. 24.—A boy named Cottrell was run over by a train on the Canal Railroad, at Plainville, Conn., to-day, by which he lost one leg and an arm. He will probably die. The reported accident on the Connecticut Western Railroad, at Millerton, last night, was not as serious as represented. A baggageman was thrown down and slightly injured by the jar of a collision with a freight car, but the passenger car was not damaged, and made its regular connection with the trains at Millerton.

THE BATTLE OF TRENTON.

TRENTON, Dec. 24.—The celebration of the ninety-ninth anniversary of the battle of Trenton will take place on Monday. There is but one military company to take part in the affair. So far as yet advised, all the troops, with this exception, will be made up impromptu of young men, who will represent Washington's forlorn army in 1776. In the afternoon orations will be delivered at Taylor Hall. The celebration is a mere local matter, but will attract a large number of people from the surrounding country.

THE LAW OF EXTRADITION.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 24.—Robert F. Carney, claimed by the United States Government under the Extradition Treaty, was discharged to-day by Judge Waters. Carney and one Ryan had a prize-fight, from the consequences of which Ryan died. The Judge held that Carney was guilty of manslaughter, and therefore not liable to extradition.

STEALING A RIDE FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

A telegram from Jefferson City, Mo., to a St. Louis paper says: "Two gentlemen who came on to-day's train from the West report that just before arriving here they made the discovery that a bundle of blankets under a seat contained a man. A passenger, seeing their attention drawn to the object, came over and asked them not to expose the hidden party, a poor fellow who had embarked at San Francisco and ridden the entire distance in this manner, excepting that while on the Plains, where stations were few, he would get up during the absence of the conductor and stretch his legs awhile, but on nearing a stopping place would resume his position under the seat. The stranger who was acting as sentinel found the matter out at Omaha, but had not the heart to expose him. While the passengers were dining here the fellow left the train, came up to the Madison, and begged for dinner. He was in excellent condition, and, not appearing in need, his request was refused."

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

HOW IT WILL BE OBSERVED.

THE SERVICES IN THE PRINCIPAL EPISCOPAL CHURCHES—MUSICAL PROGRAMMES TO BE RENDERED—CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY.

To-day is Christmas Day. In announcing the programmes of the various churches we can give but a feeble hint of the patient care and elaboration with which they have been adorned. The cold marble and the rough sandstone have been made beautiful with cheerful green foliage, and with bright flowers whose blossoms glow upon the steps of the altar, peep from the hollow of the font, and nestle among the capitals of the tall columns. Not to alien and hired hands have the faithful ladies of the sacred edifices intrusted these labors, but the beauty of arrangement, the harmony of color, and the lavish wealth of the material show clearly who have been the workers. The music of many of the churches also will be of a grand character, and will have additional power and volume by the multiplying of the choir. Everywhere, in short, have the congregations studied to show their sympathy with the event which the festival recalls. But besides the floral offerings, the service of song and flowers, the Saviour is remembered in ways which we know He loves far better. In all those charitable institutions which the civilization springing from His teachings has developed, there will be a real Christmas. The poor will be made happy; the stunted young ones, blighted from their birth by the misery of their surroundings, will have the numbed hearts within them stirred by unwonted happiness. They will be plenteously fed on savory food; they will be warmly clad in comfortable garments; their poor little hands will be filled full of toys and good things, and, best of all, those who prepare for them this treat will not absent themselves. They will leave their own sumptuous homes, and the families gathered there, and will give their time and themselves to their poor guests, realizing that when one gives for Christ's sake one must go with the gift, for the gift without the giver is bare. To-day is Christmas, and for love of Him who so loved humanity the outcasts of society are admitted within the precincts, and humanity takes to its heart all those who have sinned and have not repented. In the prison, in the penitentiary, in the refuges, in the police stations, in every spot where the hunted criminal and the wandering, nerveless tramp are turned and seized upon, there is a truce for Christ's sake, and the hunted are welcomed with feasting and kindliness. The day has come when men can and will forgive their fellow-man for at least twenty-four hours. Ring out your chimes old Trinity, ring out right lustily, and tell the news that man for once tries to be content with his brother that his Redeemer may be content with him.

THE CHURCH SERVICES.

RICH AND VARIED MUSICAL PROGRAMMES TO BE RENDERED THIS MORNING—TRINITY CHIMES.

Below we give the musical programmes to be rendered in the Episcopal and Catholic churches to-day. They are rich and varied, and will no doubt prove attractive.

TRINITY CHURCH.

There will be three services at Trinity Church this morning. Holy communion will be administered at 7 o'clock, an intermediate service at 9:30, and the regular service at 10:30 o'clock, when the sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Dix. The following is the musical programme:

Processional Hymn, 19; Anthem, "O sing to God your hymns of gladness," Gounod, soprano and alto solo and full chorus: Kyrie, in E flat, Weber; Gloria Tibi, in E flat, Haydn; Nicene Creed, Second Mass, Weber; Offertory, "Die Heilige Nacht," Gade; Sanctus, in E flat, Weber; Agnus Dei, in E flat, Weber; Gloria in Excelsis, in C, Weber; Recessional, Hymn 17; Bach's Grand Fugue in G minor, by the orchestra.

This morning Mr. James Ayliffe will perform on the bells the following programme previous to the services commencing at 10:30 A. M.:

Ringing the changes on eight bells; carol, "Who will go with me to Jesus?" carol, "Happy Christmas;" carol, "Ring the bells merrily;" carol, "Glory in the highest;" carol, "Ring out the bells;" carol, "The Christmas Tree."

In the afternoon Mr. E Ayliffe will ring the following programme of Christmas carols on the bells, commencing at 2:30 o'clock preliminary to the festival of the Sunday-school children.

Ringing the changes on eight bells; carol, "Glorious News;" carol, "Carol, sweetly carol;" carol, "Ring the Merry Bells;" carol, "Angels from the Realms of Glory;" carol, "See the Morning Star is dwelling;" carol, "Christ was born on Christmas Day."

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

The following is the order of services at St. Thomas' Church:

At 6 o'clock A. M. Mr. A. F. Toulmin will ring Christmas hymns and carols, and the traditional changes on ten bells. Sunrise service at 7:30 A. M. Carol, "Happy Christmas Morning;" Greeting by the Rector; Christmas Cantate; carol, "Cold blows the wind on Bethlehem's hill;" The Lesson, Isaiah 35; carol, "What child is this?" the Creed, Collects, and Lord's Prayer; carol, "A child this day is born;" Benediction by Rector. Morning prayer, litany and holy communion, at 11 o'clock; processional, "Hark! the herald angels sing," Mendelssohn; Venite, 8th tone, Gregorian; Te deum laudamus, Anthem in B flat; Benedictus, Anthem in E flat; Introit, "O Thou that tellest," (Messiah;) Handel; Kyrie Eleison, Nares; Anthem, "Christians, awake!" G. W. W.; Sermon by the Rector, Rev. William F. Morgan, D. D.; Ascription, "Glory to God in the highest," Pergolesi; Offertory, for violin, harp, and organ, A. F. Toulmin; Ante-communion, Christmas Pastorale, Edward T. Potter; Ter Sanctus, Beethoven; Hymn 25, "Come hither! ye faithful!" J. Reading; Gloria in Excelsis, Anthem in F, W. H. H. Smith; Recessional, "Nativity Hymn," (Bethlehem,) Gounod.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

At St. Peter's Church the choir will sing in the services as follows:

Processional, "Hark, the herald angels sing," Mendelssohn; Venite, James Turle; Te Deum in G, Macfarren; Jubilate in F, William Jackson; Introit, "Shout the glad tidings," E. J. Hopkins; Anthem, "Arise, shine," Dr. J. G. Elvey; Offertory, Old Hundred; Communion, Hymn 203, Arlington.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE.

The following will be the musical services at this church:

Processional, Hymn 17, Mendelssohn; Venite, Savage; Te Deum, in C, Berg; Benedictus, Ayrton; Introit, Hymn 19, Adeste Fidelis; Hymn, Hymn 23, Arison; Offertory, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow;" Sanctus, Camidge, in E; Communion Hymn, Hymn 207, Hodges; Recessional, Hymn 22, Westlake.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES.

The following musical programme will be sung at the morning service at this church, commencing at 10:30 A. M.:

Processional, "Hark! the herald angels sing," Mendelssohn; Venite, Battishall; Te Deum, in F, Mr. Jackson; Jubilate, in F, Mr. Jackson; Introit, "Hark! what mean those holy voices?" Calkin; Anthem, "Arise, shine," Dr. Elvey; Offertory, "Thou art worthy;" Sanctus, Camidge; Communion Hymn, Bedford; Gloria in Excelsis, old chant.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

At the Holy Trinity Church, Fifth avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, the following is the programme for the morning service:

Prelude and Fugue, Bach, organ; "Arise, shine, for Thy Light is come," chorus, Elvey; Venite; Psalms for the day, 19, 45, and 85; Glorias; First Lesson, Isaiah ninth chapter to eighth verse; Te Deum, (full anthem,) Smith; Second Lesson, Luke second chapter to fifteenth verse; Jubilate, (full anthem,) Smith; Anthem, solo, "Behold I bring you good tidings," Barnby; Chorus, "Glory to God," Barnby; Ante-communion service; Gloria Tibi; Anthem, chorus, "Sing and rejoice, O Daughter of Zion," Barnby; Sermon; Offertory; "For Thou only art Holy," solo baritone, Rossini; Prayer for the Church Militant; Communion Service; Hymn 205; Gloria in Excelsis Deo; Benediction.

ST. PAUL'S.

At the 10:30 o'clock service the children will sing their carols and a sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Mulchahey. The music will be rendered by a double quartet under the direction of the organist, Mr. Cornell.

CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST.

The following is the musical programme for the morning service at the Church of the Heavenly Rest:

Processional, "Hark, the herald angels sing," Mendelssohn; Venite, Battishill; Te Deum in B flat, W. H. Gerrish; Jubilate in C, W. C. Williams; Introit, hymn, "Shout the glad tidings," E. J. Hopkins; Gloria Tibi; Anthem, "O thou that tellest," Handel's "Messiah;" Offertory, "He shall feed His flock," Handel's "Messiah;" Sanctus, Camidge; Communion Hymn, 203, Bedford; Gloria in Excelsis.

ALL SAINTS'.

At All Saints' Church, corner of Henry and Scammel streets, the following musical programme will be rendered:

Processional Hymn, 24, Tucker; Anthem, "Thy Seat, O God, endureth forever," Dean Aldrich; Te Deum, in C, Tucker; Hymn, "Hark! the herald angels sing," Mendelssohn; Kyrie Eleison, Greene; Gloria Tibi, Gounod; Hymn, "Shout the Glad Tidings," Avison; Offertory, Barnby; Communion Hymn, "Bread of the

World," Hodges; Gloria in Excelsis, old chant; Recessional Hymn, "Hark, what mean," Geer.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The following is the musical programme for St. James' Church, East Seventy-second street:

Carol, "Christ is Born," Backus, (by children, grouped in the chancel with their banners;) Anthem, "And there were Shepherds," Danks; Gloria Patrie, Mozart; Te Deum, Loyd in B flat; Benedictus, Greatorer; Anthem, "Shout the glad tidings," Avison; Gloria Tibi, Barnby; Solo and Quartet, "Hark the herald angels sing," Warren; Offertory Sentences, Barnby; Communion Service, Gilbert; Chorus, "Heavens are telling," Haydn.

ZION CHURCH.

At Zion Church the services will commence at 10:30 o'clock, when the following programme will be rendered:

Pastoral Symphony, "Messiah," organ; Christmas Carol, Sunday-school; Anthem, solo, "Behold a Virgin," from the Messiah; Venite, Bristow; Psalms; Glorias; First Lesson; Te Deum, Bristow, in B flat; Second Lesson; Benedictus, Bristow, in B flat; "The Marv'lous Work," from the "Creation." Ante-Communion Service; Gloria Tibi, Tallis; Hymn 18, tune, "Christmas," (choir and congregation,) Handel. Sermon; Offertory, "Lord, God, Almighty," Verdi; Prayer for the Church Militant; Chorus, "Sing, O Daughter of Zion," Gadsby. Communion Service—Trisagion; Hymn 207, (Hymnal,) Rev. J. S. B. Hodges, D. D.; Glory in Excelsis Deo; Benediction.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL.

The following will be the services at St. John's Chapel:

Processional, "Hark, the herald angels sing," Mendelssohn; Venite, Trinity Psalter; Proper Psalms, Trinity Psalter; Te Deum and Jubilate, Horsley, in C; Hymn, "Angels from the realms of glory," J. B. Montett; Kyrie and Gloria, Horsley, in C; Anthem, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem," E. J. Hopkins; Sanctus, Hymns, Gloria in Excelsis, Horsley, in C: Recessional Hymn, "The churches our foundation," Wesley. Charles Edward Horsley, Organist and Choir-master.

ST. CHRYSOSTOM.

The choir of the Chapel of St. Chrysostom, Seventh avenue and Thirty-ninth street, will render the following programme:

Processional Hymn, 23, Avison; Venite, in G, Savage; Te Deum, in D, Tucker; Jubilate, in F, Cooke; Introit, Hymn 24, Regent square; Kyrie, in C, Gilbert; Anthem, "Coronation;" Trisagion, in G, Browne; Communion Hymn, "Come, let us adore Him;" Gloria in Excelsis, old chant; Recessional Hymn, 17, Mendelssohn.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

At the Church of the Redeemer, Eighty-second street and Fourth avenue, the following musical programme will be performed:

Venite, Gregorian; Te Deum, Jubilate in G, Smart; Introit, Kyrie, Sanctus, Gloria in Excelsis, Hodges; Anthem, "All the ends of the world," Hatton; Offertory, "Blessing and Honor," Mozart; Carols, Cornell.

CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (R. C.)

The following is the musical programme which will be performed at the services in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Sixteenth street:

High Mass—Processional March, Mendelssohn, op. 108; Masse Solonelle, "St. Cecilia," Gounod; Offertory, "Adeste Fideles," arranged by Dr. William Berge, (will be sung, first verse in chorus; second verse, soprano solo, Miss T. Werneke, and violin obligato by Herr Jacobsohn; third verse, chorus, orchestra, and organ. Vespers, 5 P. M.—Vespers, Mercadante; Oratorio, Lambillotte; Ave verum, Berge, alto solo, Miss M. Werneke; Ave Maria, Marchetti, Misses T. and M. Werneke and Mme. Shultz; Tantum Ergo, Rossini, Signor Tamaro, Herr Klebs and Herr Vierling; Genitori, full choir.

CHRIST CHURCH.

At Christ Church the following programme will be rendered at the service to commence at 10:30 o'clock A. M.:

Processionals, as at first service; Venite in A, page 8 ant., Beethoven; Psalms for the Day, 19th, 45th, and 85th (to Chants Nos. 1, 4, 24, in G); Te Deum Laudamus, J. Barnby, of London; Benedictus, (Third Setting,) Dudley Buck, New-York; Anthem, E. Silas, of London; Kyrie Eleison, page 78, W. T. Best, of Liverpool; Anthem, "Shout the Glad Tidings," J. P. The Sermon. Christmas Song, (by Adam,) during the offertory; Sanctus, (page 93,) J. P.; Hymn No. 205, Pieraccini; Gloria in Excelsis, Dr. Monk, of York Minster.

GRACE CHURCH.

At Grace Church there will be morning prayers at 9 o'clock, and a full service at 11 o'clock. The musical services will be as follows:

Venite in C, Mosenthal; Gloria in Excelsis, E flat, Pease; Te Deum, E flat, Thomas; Jubilate, Mosenthal; "There were shepherds," Buck; Cantique de Noel, Adam. George W. Colby will act as musical director.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

At St. Mark's Church, in Stuyvesant street, the programme is as follows:

Opening, "Rejoice the heart of Thy servant," Southard; Venite, Chant, Croft; Gloria Patri, Haydn; Te Deum Festival in E flat, Buck; Jubilate in F, Mosenthal; Hymn 7, "Hark the herald angels sing," Mozart; Hymn 16, "Hail thou long-expected Jesus," Mant; Offertory, "Shout the glad tidings," Wilson; Communion Hymn, 205, Federal street; Trisagion, Greatorex; Gloria in Excelsis, Old.

ANTHON MEMORIAL CHURCH.

At the Anthon Memorial Church, on West Forty-eighth street, the following musical selections will be performed:

Organ Prelude, "Sonata," Mendelssohn; Gounod's Communion Service; Kyrie eleison; Gloria in excelsis Deo; Responses to Commandments, Tallis; Gloria tibi Domine; G. F. Le Jeune: Credo in unum Deum; Hymn, 19, "O Come all ye Faithful;" Offertory, "King all Glorious," J. Barnby; Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus; Benedictus qui venit; Agnus Dei.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH.

The following is the programme for this church:

Processional, "Lift up your Heads," (Messiah,) Handel; Christmas Anthem, "O Zion," Buck; Gloria in Excelsis, in D, Millard; Te Deum, in A, Walter; Jubilate, in C, Walter; Psalm, (Anthem,) "The Marvelous Work," (Creation,) Haydn; Gloria Tibi, Jackson; Hymn, (Anthem,) "Shout the glad tidings," (Hymnal,) Wagner; Offertory, (terzetto,) "Most beautiful appear;" trio with chorus, "The Lord is great," (Creation,) Haydn; Recessional, "Hold the Fort," Bliss; Gloria in Excelsis, Barnby.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SAVIOUR.

The following will be the order of musical services at 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow:

Opening Anthem, "Shout the glad tidings," G. W. Warren; Venite Exultemus, Flagler; Gloria Patri, Walter; Gloria Patri, adapted by Millard; Gloria Patri, Rossini; Te Deum Laudamus, L. Bergè; Jubilate Deo, adapted by Squires; Litany Hymn; Festival Anthem, "Mighty Jehovah," Bellini; Response; Gloria Tibi, Warner; Hymn, 17, "Hark! the herald angels sing," Mora; Gloria Patri, (after sermon,) Bergè; Offertory, soprano solo from the oratorio of "Eli," "I will extol Thee, O Lord," Costa; Closing Amen, Millard.

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

Services will commence at 5 o'clock A. M., when a solemn high mass will be celebrated by Vicar-General Quinn. The masses will continue every half hour up to 10:30 A. M., when there will be solemn Pontifical high mass, Cardinal McCloskey being the celebrant, with Vicar-General Quinn as assistant Priest, Fathers Keane and Hogan, Deacons of Honor, and Father Kearney, Master of Ceremonies. The choir will sing Rossini's "Messe Solennelle," Prof. Gustavus Schmitz presiding at the organ. Father Treanor, S. J., Vice President of St Francis Xavier's College, will preach the sermon. At 4 P. M., solemn Pontifical vespers and benediction will be sung in the presence of the Cardinal.

ST. STEPHEN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Services will commence at St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church at 4:30 o'clock A.M., and continue up to 10:30 A. M. The first will be a solemn high mass, celebrated by Rev. Dr. McGlynn. Mercadante's Mass will be sung, with the "Adeste Fideles" as an offertory piece, the choir and altar-boys singing alternate verses. Solemn high mass will be celebrated at 10:30 by Rev. Charles McCready. Mozart's Twelfth Mass will be sung by the choir, consisting of a double quartet and chorus, with orchestral accompaniment. Dr. McGlynn will preach at the first and last masses. In the afternoon there will be solemn vespers and benediction.

ST. ANN'S (ROMAN CATHOLIC) CHURCH.

At St. Ann's Church, East Twelfth street, services will commence at 6 A. M. with high mass, celebrated by Rev. Father Hayes. The music will be by the girl choir. There will be masses at 8 A. M. and 9 A. M., and a solemn high mass at 10:30 A. M., with Rev. Father Lynch as celebrant. Vicar General Preston will preach. The choir will sing for the first time in this country A. Thomas' Grand Mass, with Brahm's Ave Maria for four female voices as an offertory piece. This Ave Maria will also be sung for the first time. Dachauer's Veni Creator will be sung before the sermon.

ST. PETER'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

At St. Peter's church, Barclay street, the first mass will be celebrated at 5 o'clock A. M. The grand high mass will take place at 10:30 A. M. Under the direction of William F. Pecher the following will be the order of the musical services: Premier Grande Messe Solennelle, by Paul Lutgen, for solo and chorus; Offertory, "Tui saint cœli," by Gounod; Veni Creator, by Hiller.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, BROOKLYN.

At the Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn, the following programme will be the order of service:

Adeste Fideles, Hymnal, Hymn 19; Selections from Psalms, 45th, 89th, and 110th, in C, Savage; Te Deum, Jubilate, Nicene Creed, in F, Tours; Aria, bass, Handel; Kyrie, in F, Tours; Offertory, aria, soprano, with trumpet obligato, Handel; Ascription, tenor, Mendelssohn; Sanctus, in F, Tours; Aria, contralto, Handel; Gloria, in F, Tours.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, JERSEY CITY.

At St. Paul's Church, Jersey City Heights, the following is the programme for the morning service:

Processional, Hymn 23, (Hymnal;) Venite, Gregorian, 8th tone; Gloria Patri, Beames; Te Deum, service in F, Dykes; Jubilate, service in F, H. Smart; Anthem, recitative and chorus, "Glory to God," Messiah; Kyrie Eleison, F. Schubert; Gloria Tibi, H. Smart; Hymn 17, Mendelssohn; Ascription, Gloria from Twelfth Mass, Mozart; Offertory, Cantique de Noel, (Miss Nelson,) Adam; Ter Sanctus, in E flat, Novello; Hymn 209, (Hymnal,) Werner; Gloria in Excelsis, chant, Zeuner.

THE CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY TO GIVE THEIR LITTLE ONES A MERRY CHRISTMAS—LIKE PREPARATIONS BY OTHER BODIES.

Yesterday all was bustle at the numerous homes, schools, and asylums, yet it was late into the evening before the finishing touches were given to the decorations of the halls, chapels, and school-rooms. That excellent organization, the Children's Aid Society, with its usual forethought, and aided by the generous contributions of benevolent persons, will be enabled to provide the inmates of its five lodging houses with substantial dinners, consisting of the usual ingredients of turkey, roast beef, and puddings. The auxiliary institutions of this society are so numerous that it is annually deemed necessary to hold its Christmas festivals at intervals from Dec. 21 to the middle of January. This plan which gives the agents of the society the opportunity of devoting their entire attention to three or four schools in one day, has been followed this year, thus far, with perfect success. On Tuesday last the German School at No. 272 Second street, had its festival. On Wednesday the Water Street School, No. 14 Dover street; the Sixteenth Ward School, No. 211 West Eighteenth street; the Avenue B School, No. 607 East Fourteenth street; the Fourteenth Ward School, No. 93 Crosby street, had theirs, and so on through the entire list of twenty-one schools. This evening at 7:30 o'clock the boys and girls of the five lodging-houses will enjoy sumptuous meals of roast beef and the usual et ceteras. Mr. William M. Fliess, a gentleman who has on former occasions befriended the newsboys of the Home at the corner of Duane street and William, will tender them a dinner at 6:30 P. M. Owing to the serious illness of Mr. George Calder, the Superintendent of the Rivington Street Lodging-house, the preparations have been rather meagre, but the boys will nevertheless be the recipients of a good dinner of beef and pudding, Major Phillip Schuyler having generously volunteered to defray the expenses of the repast. Singing by the boys and addresses from patrons of the house, will also constitute a part of the festivities. At the Girls' Lodging-house, in St. Mark's place, the trustees have made provision for the usual bountiful dinner. In the evening, there will be a grand evening party, and a series of Christmas games and dancing. During the progress of the festivities Santa Claus and his wife, will pay the girls a visit, distributing among them warm winter clothing. The exercises at the Five Points House of Industry will begin at 1 o'clock and terminate at 3 o'clock. In the chapel, which has been profusely embellished with evergreens and Christmas trees, there will be a religious service, singing, recitations, calisthenics, and the performance of a juvenile operetta, entitled "Little Red Riding Hood." After this the 400 children will be served with dinner and presented with toys of all descriptions. At the Five Points Mission, which occupies the "Old Brewery" across the street from the House of Industry, the exercises will consist of the singing of Christmas carols and the dismantling of huge trees of their pendent treasures of toys and bon-bons. The Howard Mission and Home for Little Wanderers, in New-Bowery, near Madison street, will afford its little ones similar entertainment, and, in addition, will give each child a present of warm Winter clothing. The 500 children cared for at the St. Barnabas Home, in Mulberry street, and all poor persons who may apply at its doors for food, will be given a dinner after the services in the chapel.

At the Reception Hospital of the New-York Juvenile Asylum, in West Thirteenth street, the little inmates, some one hundred in number, last evening participated in their Christmas Eve festival. The school-room was appropriately decorated with evergreens, five large Christmas trees, brilliantly illuminated being placed in the open space in front of the desks. After feasting their eyes on the toys and bon-bons hung from their branches, their rapacious eagerness to gain possession of the various presents was at length gratified by Superintendent Carpenter, who gave to each a toy and and a big bundle of candy. To-day the little fellows will enjoy their usual bountiful Christmas dinner, and in the evening devote their time to holiday games and other amusements. At the Juvenile Asylum in Bloomingdale, of which the above institution is the City branch, a similar festival and dinner will be given to the 550 boys and girls.

At St. Vincent's Home for Boys, Nos. 53 and 55 Warren street, the day will be commemorated by religious exercises and a Christmas dinner, kindly furnished by Mr. Charles Payton. At the conclusion of the feast a large quantity of clothing will be distributed among the orphans and smaller children.

The managers of the Protestant Half-orphan Asylum, in West Tenth street, have made preparations for celebrating the day by a turkey dinner.

One of the most interesting events of the day will undoubtedly be the dinner to be given by Mr. James Gordon Bennett at Mouquin's restaurant, in Ann street, to the newsboys and newsgirls.

The managers of the Howe Lodging-house, in Chatham square, an institution recently established for the purpose of providing food and lodging at low rates to poor men who are unable to pay the ordinary charges, will give a free dinner to its lodgers.

Fourteen thousand pounds of turkey were yesterday distributed among the various institutions under the control of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, for consumption by the inmates to-day. A committee of ladies, headed by Mrs. Ann H. Gibbons, will visit Randall's Island and distribute toys to the children. Mayor Wickham will pay a visit to the Training School for Nurses, at the Charity Hospital, the Penitentiary, and the other institutions on Blackwell's Island. At the Tombs, 400 pounds of turkey and chicken, together with a supply of vegetables, will be made into a fricassed, which will be distributed among the male and female inmates of the prison.

At the Roman Catholic Orphan and Foundling Asylum, the House of the Good Shepherd, in East Ninetieth street; the Colored Orphan Asylum, in One Hundred and Fourteenth street, and St. Luke's Home, in East Eighty-ninth street, the day will be also commemorated.

CHRISTMAS MARKETING.

SCENES AT THE POULTRY AND MEAT STANDS—THE CROWDS AT WASHINGTON AND FULTON MARKETS.

The peculiarity of some continental cities in Europe is said to be that they have superb markets but very little to put in them. This is so marked a truth of Spanish cities that hardly a traveler who has recorded his experiences for the benefit of the public has failed to comment on it. In New-York the fact is exactly the reverse. Here we have abundance of all good things, but our too famous markets are far from being capacious or satisfactory. These facts are particularly conspicuous at the present time, when the Christmas purchases have been occupying the attention of housekeepers. Those who have been to Europe must have sighed a little as they were pushed backward and forward, and felt the ridges of wickerware baskets grinding into their ribs, to think how deficient this great City is in some of the most important details of civilization.

The Christmas dinner of the average New-York family may be described with some certainty as invariably commencing with oyster soup, and having roast turkey as the *piece de résistance*. If the lady of the household is ambitious, the bird is stuffed with oysters, and if she rules her husband, she orders him to purchase the oysters and the turkey himself. The paterfamilias of the old school would do this without urging, but the younger generation of married men have been known to show squeamishness over the marketing, and have tried to evade it under various pretexts. But the wife who knows her privileges, and knowing, dare maintain, will not permit any such pusillanimity. Husbands who cannot choose turkeys must be educated up to the standard, for the bird plays so important a part in American festivities that this knowledge is essential. Nor need any young paterfamilias dread the ordeal, for he will find himself among goodly company. Almost all the good old gentlemen consider it part of their religion to go down to Fulton Market, which is the aristocratic one, and select their own birds. On the day before Christmas they come down in great numbers, and, after solacing themselves with lunch in one of the famous oyster-rooms, make the round of the market and select their own turkeys. If they are inclined to be gastronomic they hover in doubt around the stands where the game is displayed, and expose themselves to the blandishments of the salesmen, who tempt them with saddles of venison, with red-head and mallard ducks, with hind-quarters of bears' meat, with woodcocks and snipe, with ruffed grouse which they will persist in calling partridges, with hares, rabbits, squirrels, even coons, fattened on purpose for the great dinner of the Christian year. Fulton Market, besides having a specialty of game, is the great fish mart of the country. The lovers of fish, who are not satisfied with oyster-soup, here find an immense display, but these stalls are hardly so animated as the others, because the greater part of the fish sales are made in the morning. For this reason, when yesterday afternoon the poultry and game stands were surrounded by eager crowds, picking out their favorites, chaffering and joking with the dealers, refusing what was offered them, and insisting on selecting what had been already selected and paid for by others, the fish stalls were almost deserted. The hubbub and laughter of the busy buyer, the continual coming and going, the jostling of the throngs in the narrow passages, seemed a presage of jolliness, and looked as if hard times were a myth, or a mere poetic fiction. But the salesmen in this aristocratic market said that there was not much difference in the Christmas dealings, but that pinching times were apparent enough on other days.

By the time that the Brooklyn gentlemen had purchased their turkeys on their way home, the business in Fulton Market was about over. Just at that hour it was showing faint signs of beginning in Washington Market. This is the great meat resort, and the marketing here is done mostly in the evening. It began at about 6 o'clock, but long before that time the wagons loaded with poultry and country produce had jolted in from Long Island and their contents had been transferred to the outlying stalls. The market itself on these occasions does but a small share of the business, which is monopolized by the outsiders. Almost the whole extent of Vesey street, with the exception of the first block, was transformed into a series of stalls, and even the centre of the street was occupied by temporary stands. At these places were sold every imaginable thing, from razors to garlic; but the great attraction of the quarter was poultry. The tea and coffee stores, which on other days are the specialty of the street, could only be approached through groves and avenues of dangling ducks, geese, chickens, and turkeys. About 7 o'clock the crowd began to make its appearance, but, unlike that of Fulton Market, this was composed almost exclusively of women. Some were accompanied by little children, who held tightly on to their mothers' skirts with one hand and blew tin trumpets with the other. But the great majority were alone and pushed along resolutely, with their great baskets on their hips, or in front of them, until they were wedged tightly into a mass before some stall where poultry was being sold at a particularly low price.

Inside the meat market the salesmen affect scrupulous neatness of attire and are very particular about the starching of their white aprons or their long blue gowns. But the persons who had charge of the outside poultry trade were by no means up to the high standard of dressing professionally or getting themselves up for the occasion. Many of them were very dirty, very ragged, very noisy, and very importunate. They would seize fat ladies by the arm and implore them to look at chickens sacrificed at the ridiculous price of eight cents a pound. Others bellowed ceaselessly "a shillin' pound," which upon trial had reference to a parcel of turkeys of the most unpleasant appearance. It was raining steadily, and what with the wet and the dirty hands, the poultry on the outside of the market quickly assumed an appearance the reverse of inviting. The salesmen seemed conscious of this for they whispered in husky undertones "let yer have er boss for ten cents a pound, jist to close out and git." However, the people who came to buy were not very squeamish and would have compromised for much more dirt if another cent per pound could have been worked off. Mingled with the throng of anxious-hearted women, with nubias over their heads, were many colored men, who did their own buying. These men were as much desirous of turkey as if they had been descended from the Pilgrim fathers, and those whose finances only enabled them to buy chicken wore a semi-ashamed look, as if they felt they had not done themselves justice. The German women were, in some instances, accompanied by their lords, who did not carry the basket for their wives, but only did the purchasing, in a grand and lofty manner. Their enjoyment over the stalls where the different results of manufactured hog were heaped was extreme, especially those where boar heads adorned with colored sugar were exhibited. From the pork stalls to the butter and cheese department was but a step, and this part of the market was even more crowded than the stalls of poultry. Nor did the din, the excitement, and the hubbub of the crowds wax faint until after 10 o'clock. The meat stalls, it must be observed, did hardly any business at all.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT TRINITY CHURCH.

The Trinity Church Christmas tree was yesterday brilliantly adorned and illuminated, and the six hundred and fifty children of the Sunday-school and a large number of visitors gazed on it with undisguised pleasure. The services preceding the distribution of the presents were held in the body of the church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The children, marshaled by their teachers, marched up the main aisle preceded by the boy choir, and took their seats in the pews reserved for them on either side. The evening service of the Church was then performed, Drs. Walker, Hitchings, and Ogilby and Mr. Robinson assisting Dr. Dix. At the conclusion of the service of evening prayer, a carol was sung first by the boy choir alone, and then by all the children. Dr. Dix then addressed the children briefly, wishing them all a merry Christmas. Two more hymns were then sung, and the children marched back to the tree, which stood in the main vestibule, where the gifts provided for them, consisting of toys for the little ones and books for the larger, were distributed.

CHRISTMAS EVE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE NORMAL COLLEGE.

The pupils of the Normal College participated in a Christmas entertainment yesterday, in the chapel of the college, which was filled with over a thousand of the pupils and a large number of their relatives and friends. Among those present were President Hunter, Vice President Dunden, Miss Wadleigh, the Superintendent; Miss Drake, Principal of the Model School of the college; Commissioner Wood, and others prominently connected with the college and the Board of Education. The exercises were begun with a chant by the pupils, followed by reading of the Bible by Commissioner Wood, a hymn by the pupils, recitation of quotations by the Fifth Grade, a duet by two of the pupils, an appropriate address by President Hunter, a quartet by Misses Kyle, Woodgate, Vail, and Kirk, an essay by Miss Cone, a solo by Miss Wallenstein, a recitation by Miss Madden, a double quartet by Misses Vergnes, Stevens, Wilson, Smith, Honigman, Devoe, Faller, and Dole, a farce entitled "The Fall of Troy," and a merry Christmas song by the pupils.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AT THE WILSON HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

In accordance with their usual custom the teachers of the Wilson House of Industry, No. 125 St. Mark's place, previous to returning to their homes for the holidays, yesterday held a grand festival for the entertainment of their 250 pupils. The exercises were begun by an appropriate address, delivered by Rev. Dr. Ormiston, at the conclusion of which the pupils assembled in the large dining-room of the school, which was decorated for the occasion with banners and evergreen designs, and then partook of a turkey dinner. At the conclusion of the report, they were next led to the parlor, where two large Christmas trees, decked with candies and toys, were disclosed. Between the trees was placed a large table, piled in pyramid shape with an abundant assortment of hoods, shawls, and other warm worsted clothing. While the little ones were admiring their numerous presents, a closed carriage drove up to the door, completely filled with dolls, toys, candies, &c., the special gift of the young ladies of Miss Haynes' school. In the dress-making department of the school a long table was spread with candies, fruits, toys, and other presents, for the girls attending this separate branch of the institution.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN THE BUSINESS EXCHANGES.

Business was suspended at a comparatively early hour among the merchants in the lower part of the City yesterday, as is customary on the day before Christmas. The different exchanges were closed at 12 o'clock, and in most of them the members indulged in their usual romps before separating for the holidays. Many practical jokes were played, many hats were damaged, and the utmost good humor prevailed. In the Cotton Exchange a number of the younger members amused themselves by carrying several of their older brethren around the hall in chairs.

AN OLD SOLDIER'S LETTER.

The Zanesville (Ohio) *Courier* prints a copy of a letter, now in the possession of Mr. L. P. Bailey, of that city, which reads thus:

NEW-YOARK, HORNE HORKE AT HELL GATE,
Sept. 8, 1776.

Ever loving wife, after remembering my love to you, I muft informe you that I arrived at this place laft Tuefday; we had a very long pafage, and the men of war was but a lital behind us; they arived within four milds the nex day, where they now lay ancord—our army have had a long engagement and have cum off with considerable loss; it is said they have taken seven hundred of our men and killed seven or eight hundred more; it is reported that the enemy have lost more men than we have—among those of our men that are taken their is Lord Starling and Gen. Solovan, and they have let him go upon the prole of honor to our Continental Congress—Sum says that he is sent from Lord How to appoloy for conditions of peace, but Gen. Putmon told me that he was gon to exchang prisnors, and that this was all his award. It appears to me that our people intend to deliver up New-York soon, and fortify a littal further up; they have already delivered up all our forts upon Long Island and the Governor's Island, and the enemy are very thick upon Long Island, just opposite against us, whare we can fire across with small arms. There is a large incampment in sight of this place, and they are incamped four miles further east upon Long Island. But we are not discureged; yet this is no more than what might be expected, so long as more than half the inhabetence of Long Island are Tores. I have nothing more remarkebeel to rite; my compeney is generaly well, and so is most of the regiment. York Records, a negro fellow in my company, died with the small-pox sum time ago; their is none of it now. Jophna Towr, a young lad in my company, was exceding sik with the camp fevour when I got hear and the next day died. I have non sik with it now. I should have sent Ham sum money now, but we have not drawed aney as yet, by reson of theas difficalteys, but expect to draw soon. I want the gitting of iron ore to be forwarded as much as posabeel, and also laing in for cole as much as posabeel. J. Beaty, that is my brother, and Nathan, would exorte themselves. Let them leave no stone unturned in forwarding the furnice affairs. I shall be at hom in two montns if nothing extrooner happens. Since I begun to rite this letter, our people have concluded to keep New-Yoark if posabeel, and are fortifying with all spead. I have nothing more extrodner to write, but subscribe myself your loving husband,

JIM PERRY.

HAZING AT UNION COLLEGE.

The Troy *Times* says that a few nights ago several of the students of Union College entered the room of a member of the freshman class, against whom they entertained some personal spite, for the purpose of hazing him. The party numbered seven or eight students, all or nearly all seniors. The freshman was rather roughly handled, being forcibly thrown up in a blanket, and tossed about the room, after which he received a severe drubbing. The affair coming to the knowledge of President Potter, an investigation was instituted, which resulted in the "hazers" being brought to account for their action. All the parties implicated have been, or are to be, suspended from college. Two of the "hazers" are members of the Union's boat crew, and among the best oarsmen in the college.

OBJECT TO THE BLUE.

The Virginia (Nevada) *Transcript* says: "The five hundred army coats sent here for the use of the sufferers by the fire do not go off like hot cakes, the wild gazelle and other things famed for their celerity of disappearance. But three have thus far found wearers. It would seem that few men care to come out in the army blue; they don't want to give any one a chance to say: 'There goes a member of the Relief Brigade!' The coats will probably be sent back to Uncle Sam—there is such talk. As the Piutes have been almost heart-broken spectators of the distributions of goods to the sufferers, it might make them happy to put them all in uniform."

HOLIDAY GOODS.

WHERE AND WHAT TO BUY.

WEBER.

As each leading piano manufacturer aims to give the instruments of his manufacture special qualities and excellencies which shall distinguish them from all others, the Weber pianos have peculiarities which are not to be found in any other instruments. The chief of these, Mr. Weber claims, is the great "singing" power of the strings, a power gained by lengthening the strings beyond the usual measure. A note struck on a Weber piano, or at least on the newest of his instruments, continues as long as thirty seconds, so that the player, striking an octave in the base, can run over and over all the treble register before the tone dies away. Many singers prefer a piano having this quality, and Mr. Weber has numerous testimonials from some of the leading artists in the musical world of their warm appreciation of his instruments. Nilsson writes to him that she shall take every opportunity to recommend and praise his pianos; Miss Kellogg writes that for the last six years the Weber pianos have been her choice for the concert-room and her own house; Lucca, that the Weber upright pianos are extraordinary instruments, and deserve the great success they have had; Patti writes that she has used the pianos of every celebrated maker, but gives the Weber pianos the preference over all; Strauss, that he had seen no pianos which equaled them, and Wehli writes that Mme. Parepa had spoken of the Weber pianos as being the finest in the United States, and that he fully indorses that opinion. They have, he says, no rival any where. Mr. Weber has made a piano to exhibit at the Centennial, in which all the special excellencies which he claims for his instruments are developed in the highest degree. It is a large and fine looking instrument of very powerful tone, and in itself well repays a visit to the warerooms where it is on exhibition, corner of Fifth avenue and Sixteenth street.

E. P. DUTTON & CO.

E. P. Dutton & Co., No. 713 Broadway, have on exhibition and for sale a large assortment of elegant books, of every variety, suitable for Christmas presents for all ages. In addition to the comprehensive list of their own publications, they are the agents for the Boston firm of Osgood & Co., and all the publications of that firm may be had of Messrs. Dutton & Co. Some of the latest of these publications is the "Vest Pocket Series," being illustrated editions of Whittier's *Snow Bound*, Longfellow's beautiful poem of *Evangeline*, Emerson's *Power, Wealth, and Illusions*, and *Culture, Behavior, and Beauty*, by the same celebrated author. These miniature volumes are of the same general class with the "Little Classics," which have proved so popular. Another popular work, now reissued at $3 50 instead of $5, its original price, is Eastlake's *Hints on Household Taste*. The new edition has all the original illustrations, and has been published to meet the large demand for the work which has arisen in this country. The valuable hints it gives on household art have already had a perceptible effect in the improvement of the furnishing of our dwellings, and the good work commenced is likely to be carried still further, both by Mr. Eastlake and other artists as capable as he for the task. The great desideratum is the improvement of the furniture and fittings of the great mass of middle-class homes, where limited means prevent that choice of artistically made furniture which is really only the luxury of the rich. This great want Mr. Eastlake's book helps to supply, and hence its wide and deserved popularity. "The Blithedale Romance" is another recently published book of Messrs. Osgood & Co., to be had at Dutton's, being the fifth volume of the "Little Classic" series.

J. & J. W. CROSSLEY.

To the firm of J. & J. W. Crossley, Nos. 320 and 322 Broadway, is due, above any other carpet firm, the introduction of the popular carpet fabric known as Tapestry Brussels, which now leads in all markets, and is the great regulator controlling the price of all other carpetings. This establishment dates back three generations, and has the highest reputation for honorable stability. All their goods are the best of their kind, and what they sell is exactly what they say it is. The Messrs. Crossley have a large and complete stock of their celebrated goods, and are offering them at lower prices than at any time since the war. They furnish plans and estimates when requested, and send men to any part of the United States for this purpose. This is an important consideration to persons furnishing whole houses, as they can get their goods at fifteen per cent. less than local prices, and have their work done by the most skillful workmen in the country. The floors of the large sales-rooms of the firm, being 150 by 50 feet, afford ample facilities for showing their goods to the best advantage, and enable customers to inspect a great variety of patterns before making their selections. The Messrs. Crossley are practical carpet manufacturers, each member of the firm having spent ten years at the factories, and made himself thoroughly familiar with every detail of carpet weaving. The many testimonials of the excellent quality of their work, offered by the largest institutions in the country, are sufficient guarantee of the high reputation which this firm enjoys in the business community.

DECKER BROTHERS.

The well-known piano firm of Decker Brothers, No. 33 Union square, have suffered so badly at the hands of bogus piano sellers that it is desirable the public should be warned of it. The names of other well-known piano firms have been pirated often enough, but a dead-set seems to have been made of late on the firm referred to. Some wretched instruments, scarcely worth the price of fire-wood, have been sold as the make of Decker *and* Brothers, and others yet as "Becker's" pianos, the intention being to delude purchasers into the belief that these rubbishing jingle-boxes are the fine instruments which Decker Brothers are celebrated for making. Every intending purchaser of a piano, and who desires such a one as the Union square firm make, should be certain before he lays out his cash that it is really a Decker Brothers piano he is buying, and not a Decker *and* Brothers or a Beccker. The firm originally started in a store on Bleecker street, but they long since removed to their present quarters, and have had nothing to do with the old store since the removal. At their warerooms in Union square they show what sort of an instrument the genuine Decker Brothers piano is, and among the hundreds of fine uprights, squares, and grands on exhibition there the buyer is certain to find the one he wants.

CASSELL, PETTER & GALPIN.

The firm of Cassell, Petter & Galpin, book publishers, No. 596 Broadway, is well known, both in London and New-York, as the publishers of some of the best and most useful works in the language, at prices which have brought them within the reach of all. To this firm is owing, more than to any other, the popularity which Doré enjoys outside of France, for they introduced him to the English public through their celebrated edition of *Don Quixote* followed by the edition of *Dante* and *Milton*. They have done much to advance the art of printing and to give to the public good works at low prices, and any series of works which they bring out is sure to be the best which can be produced for the money. A new and beautiful work recently brought out by them is the *English Lake Scenery*, with twenty-two splendid plates in chromo-lithography; and they are publishing a series of the works of English poets at the low price of $1 25 a volume, with illustrations by Birket Foster, and other celebrated poets, every book a beautiful specimen of workmanship, fit for the most luxurious library.

FOLEY.

Mr. John Foley enjoys two kinds of celebrity. He is known as the maker of gold pens and as the citizen who obtained that celebrated injunction from Judge Barnard whereby the Tweed Ring was crushed into infinitesimal fragments, and Mr. John Foley was brought to the top of the heap, there to be gazed upon admiringly by an astounded public, as he appeared, writing the history of the catastrophe with one of his own excellent gold pens. Mr. Foley's pens are really gold pens, and are well known to be gold pens, and the pretended analysis of them which was published by an envious newspaper, showing that they contained one part gold to 999 of base metals, was a weak invention of the enemy and a fraud, because the pens are gold, always have been gold, are advertised to be gold, and Mr. John Foley, whose veracity is beyond question, says himself that they are gold, and, as he makes them, he ought to know, if any one does, that his pens are gold pens, and not pens of any other kind whatsoever.

J. ESTEY & CO.

Since the great improvements made in cabinet organs have caused so large a demand for instruments of this kind, the firm of J. Estey & Co. have enjoyed an exceptional degree of popular favor, and possibly no makers of cabinet organs in the country do a larger Western trade than they do. The "Estey" organ has been known since 1845, and the manufacture of them has been carried on at the large factory in Brattleboro, Vt., with yearly increasing facilities and improvements. Such organs as are now turned out by this firm are as great an improvement over the organs of twenty years ago, as a Steinway grand is over the old-fashioned spinnet. The "Estey" is a soft-toned and charming instrument, of great power and sweetness, and well suited either for the chapel or the house.

GOUPIL'S.

The name of Goupil is so well known that any reference to the house beyond the mention of the special attractions now on exhibition would be entirely superfluous. Messrs M. Knoedler & Co., have, however, put on view a specially selected collection of art works, including oil-paintings, water-colors, rare etchings, and fine engravings, which are peculiarly suitable for holiday presents; and to these they invite public attention.

THONET BROTHERS.

As manufacturers of first-class furniture, durable, elegant, and light, Thonet Brothers, of No. 808 Broadway, and of Chicago, enjoy an excellent reputation. They have taken no less than thirty-six first-class prize medals in the various exhibitions in which their wares have been entered. The celebrated Austrian bend-wood furniture is kept by them in every shape known to the market, and whoever desires to supply a house with this elegant style of furniture cannot do better than call and examine the stock of Thonet Brothers. Caned furniture is also a specialty with them.

THE KNABE PIANO.

The Knabe piano can neither be put into a Christmas-stocking, nor hung on a Christmas-tree, but it will serve as an excellent place of attachment to either, and it offers in other respects than such a seasonable consideration, peculiar attractions to those whose gifts are intended to assume a practical and valuable shape. The firm of William Knabe & Co., whose warerooms are at No. 112 Fifth avenue, have of late devoted particular attention to the turning out of cabinet pianos, and one lately manufactured to order, is not only a wonderfully-complete instrument musically considered, but is a marvel of elegance in appearance. The demand for the Knabe piano increases with every month, and the public approval of these instruments, being founded on their durability and thorough equipment, promises to make them famous in all parts of the world. The testimony of leading performers concedes that in the Knabe an instrument is found which responds to every requirement, and brings out with unrivaled clearness and brilliancy of tone the master-work of master-minds.

THE MANUFACTURERS' COMBINATION.

All whose business carries them on Broadway cannot fail to have noticed the great store Nos. 557 and 559 on that thoroughfare, which, through its spacious length and width, is filled with toys and novelties of every sort and kind, especially intended only for the holiday season. Two years ago the effects of the panic suggested to a firm of enterprising importers (A. & E. Wallach) the idea of combining with other importers and working off a surplus stock of handsome and diversified fancy goods for holiday gifts at wholesale prices. This is the plan on which the great "Manufacturers' Combination" is conducted. To give only a partial list of the immense variety of articles displayed on the counters of the store would fill a column at least. Purchasers must visit the rooms themselves, and they will see that the display is really what it is claimed to be, a grand exposition of fancy goods, in which the workshops of every nation in the world are represented.

M. J. PAILLARD & CO.

As pretty a thing as any one can have in the household, always ready to furnish its amusement at the small cost of winding up, is a good musical box. It is a performer who is never tired, never obtrusive, never out of place, and always ready to do its best. And the best of a good instrument is something so infinitely superior to the best of nine-tenths of amateur pianists, that there is no comparison between them. The musical-boxes of M. J. Paillard & Co., No. 680 Broadway, are instruments of this character—of the best make, and the finest and most varied tone. They have them of all sizes, from the tiny box playing one tune to the large one playing 108, and an immense stock of every kind to select from. The prices have been largely reduced, and everybody who desires to have one of these charming little musicians in the house has now an opportunity of obtaining one at small cost.

OSCAR EDLER.

Oscar Edler, of No. 1,163 Broadway, seems determined to attract customers during the holiday season. He advertises that every person who purchases half a dozen kid gloves at his establishment will be presented with a handsome glove-box. Edler's gloves are well known to the general public, and his store is a favorite one with people who require a large and varied stock to select from, and thus be certain of finding the exact shade and quality of glove they desire. A large assortment of glove-boxes has lately been added to the attractions of the store, including some of the most novel and costly patterns made.

BOOSS & BROTHER.

The old-established house of F. Booss & Brother, No. 449 Broadway, desire to call attention to their large and elegant assortment of seal sacks, and ladies' furs, which are of the best quality, combining beauty and durability in the highest degree. They have also a full and varied line of ladies' fur trimmings, sleigh robes, and gauntlets, all of which are peculiary seasonable as well as fashionable goods, and such as it is desirable for every one to have a good stock of at this time, when the mercury has a tendency to run down to very low figures at short notice.

V. J. MAGNIN, GUEDIN & CO.

One of the finest selections of imported ornamental goods to be seen in the City is that of V. J. Magnin, Guedin & Co., No. 652 Broadway. As a rule the goods are of a rich and costly character, intended for people who are able to fully indulge their taste for all that is fine and artistic, both in articles intended for personal adornment and to serve the same purpose for the house. Their watches, jewelry, bronzes, mantel ornaments, and fancy goods are really superb, and if they command high prices it is because they are worth them. Whatever is found of the best and most costly in the foreign markets may be had of Guedin & Co.

WADE & CUMMING.

Wade & Cumming, Nos. 261 and 263 Eighth avenue, appeal through the advertising columns of the public press to everybody who wants Winter clothing to come and examine the immense stock of it which they have on hand, and which they are bound to sell, come what may. "Prices down!" is their cry; Winter overcoats at half price, and other garments proportionately low. Quality, make, and style of the best; cost astonishingly small. They advise customers not to go where rents are high and the customers have to pay them, but to come down to Eighth avenue, call at their store, and judge where and what to buy from personal inspection.

WILLIAM H. LEE.

"Oldest furniture establishment in the City; established in 1826," is what Mr. William H. Lee, the owner of it, claims for his business. He has two large stores—Nos. 199 and 201 Fulton street, near Greenwich, and No. 277 Canal street, near Broadway. In either of these the purchaser is pretty sure to find what he or she wants in the way of parlor, bedroom, drawing-room, dining-room, or library furniture; and at this time, when the proprietor is endeavoring as much as possible to reduce stock, the prices at which the goods are marked will be found to be such as command custom.

SNEDECOR.

New-York does not boast its art culture greatly, but nevertheless there is more of it here than in any other city of the Union, despite the pretensions of Boston to an exclusive monopoly of æsthetic culture. That such a gallery as Snedecor's is maintained, that it pays its proprietor to deal in the best and most high-priced works to be obtained, either in oil, water colors, or engraving, is good evidence that New-York contains a large and cultured class, who have both the taste and the means to indulge it, which produces and supports an artistic profession, which yearly increases in number and improves in skill.

REED & BARTON.

Reed & Barton, No. 2 Maiden lane, have a fine stock of electro-plated ware, all of their own manufacture. Every description of dinner, tea, and water sets, epergnes, cake and fruit dishes, ice pitchers, spoons and forks, vases, mantle ornaments, &c., suitable for holiday presents, may be seen in abundance in their store, and the elegant designs, comparable with anything produced abroad, distinguish the work of this firm. Electro-plated ware enjoys a large degree of popular favor, for while it has all the artistic beauty of solid silver goods, it does not give the possessor such anxiety about the safe keeping of it, nor does its cost deplete his pocket to the extent that the purchase of the solid metal goods does.

C. M. OLNEY.

The importation of French millinery is a business of very large proportions in this City, for fashion demands the Paris article and is content with no other. Were it not that imported goods are a little too costly for the majority to buy, there would hardly be any employment for domestic milliners; but with high duties people have to content themselves with the home article, unless they have the opportunity, now offered by C. M. Olney, of No. 30 East Fourteenth street, to buy the foreign-made at domestic prices. A large stock of the most fashionable styles of Winter hats are now being disposed of at less than the cost of importation.

HERMAN TROST & CO.

The firm of Herman Trost & Co., of Murray street, is an extensive one, which, besides its house in this City, has establishments in Paris and other large Continental cities. They import French china mainly, but do a large business in other goods as well. At the Murray street store may be seen splendid specimens of French china dinner and tea sets, fine table glassware, bronzes and clocks, parian marbles, statuettes and busts, porcelain and Bohemian vases, &c., Dresden and Sevres porcelain, antique and modern majolicas, and Palissy and other faience ware.

CANTRELL.

Cantrell, of No. 241 Fourth avenue, has no holiday goods to offer, but some very seasonable ones. He imports the English walking shoes for gentlemen, those broad-soled, firm-tread, solid articles, just the thing for Winter use, and muddy weather. They keep the feet dry and comfortable, and the broad toe allows a free expansion to the foot, which gives great ease, and is death on corns. He has other boots, both for gentlemen's and ladies' use, of all kinds, and at extremely low prices. Also "ironclads" for boys, warranted to bear all the usage that even a boy can give them.

WILLIAM A. POND & CO.

Some new and pretty music is advertised by Pond & Co., No. 547 Broadway. Among this may be noted "Christmas Chimes of St. Thomas," with a finely-illustrated title page; "Christmas Awake," an anthem; "Love Divine;" Bernstein's "White Rose Waltzes;" the song "God Bless the Dear Ones at Home;" Allen's "Waltz Quadrille;" "Embarrassment," by Abt; the "Calendar Galop," Braham's "Gliding Down the Stream," the "Rose Michel Galop," and other novelties likely to please the popular taste

LAW REPORTS.

A PILFERING SALESMAN SENTENCED.

Charles Heald, the young salesman in the employ of Cochrane, McLean & Co., No. 462 Broadway, who was detected in the act of stealing linen towels and napkins valued at $50, and who subsequently acknowledged having stolen from his employers dry goods to the amount of $20,000 during the period of two years and six months in which he was in their service, was brought up for sentence yesterday in the Court of General Sessions, having pleaded guilty to grand larceny. Counsel for the prisoner asked Judge Sutherland to postpone sentence, in order to give Heald an opportunity to testify on his own behalf in certain civil suits now pending between the accused and his late employers. The prisoner said that he had pleaded guilty in the Police Court and in the Court of General Sessions, and had promised to make all the restitution in his power, at the request of Cochrane, McLean & Co., who had visited him several times in prison, and who had promised to have only a light penalty imposed if he would plead guilty and restore the proceeds of the property stolen. Acting on these assurances he had pleaded guilty, but instead of redeeming their promises his former employers had taken no steps to have his punishment mitigated, and had commenced a suit to recover possession of $6,000 of his money. He therefore asked for time before sentence to testify in his own behalf in these suits. Assistant District Attorney Herring having opposed the motion, Judge Sutherland said he could not allow the course of justice to be interfered with by any differences existing between Heald and his former employers, and sentenced the prisoner to two years and six months in State Prison.

THE CITY SUED FOR RENT.

By arrangement between counsel the legal points in the case of Owen W. Brennan against the City were argued before Judge Lawrence, in the Supreme Court, yesterday. Brennan sued to compel the payment by Controller Green of the rent of the premises at No. 514 Pearl street, occupied by the Second District Civil Court. The original lease of the premises was made in 1865 at the rent of $2,800 per annum. Additional portions of the building were afterward leased to the City, the rent being increased to $7,500 per year. In 1870 Brennan was a Commissioner of Charities and Correction, and as such could lease no property to the City. The property was transferred by him to one McCadden, who did make a lease of the premises. The rent for 1872 and 1873 not being paid, Mr. Brennan brought suit and recovered a judgment against the City. After the suit the rent was reduced, and an agreement entered into between Mr. Brennan and the Controller to the effect that the latter should pay the reduced rent promptly, or, in default thereof, be held liable for the whole amount due according to the terms of the previous contract, which exacted the higher rent. Several months' rent was thus promptly paid, but the Controller some months ago refused to make any more payments. For the default in such payment the present suit was brought to recover according to the original rent. The defense now interposed by the City is that there was fraud in the procurement of the lease. This, the plaintiff claims, should have been set up in the former action. The plaintiff further urges that the preceding judgment is a bar to the setting up of any defense which might then have been interposed, but which was not set up at that time. Judge Lawrence reserved his decision in the matter.

JUSTICE TEMPERED WITH MERCY.

George Smith, the waiter out of work, who snatched a silk umbrella from Mrs. Jane Hall, while that lady was walking on West Eleventh street, in order, as he stated, that he might be sent to prison rather than starve, having exhausted every effort to obtain employment, was again brought before Judge Sutherland yesterday, in the Court of General Sessions. Mr. Sheldon, Agent of the Prison Association, said he had, under the direction of his Honor, inquired into the rather extraordinary statements made by Smith, and found that they were true. The prisoner had borne an excellent character in the various places at which he had been employed. He had also made inquiries of the Police, and had ascertained that Smith had expressed a wish to be sent to the Island rather than wander round the streets. On behalf of the Prison Association he would guarantee that, if his Honor would suspend sentence on Smith, the Association would assist him until he could procure employment. Judge Sutherland, under the circumstances, directed the prisoner to plead not guilty, and then discharged him on his own recognizances, the indictment to hold over him in case of his offending in the future.

THE SUIT AGAINST THE ALLEGED BOND FORGERS.

The case of the New-York Guaranty and Indemnity Company vs. Andrew L. Roberts, Valentine Gleason, et al., reputed forgers, was given to the jury in Part I. of the Superior Court yesterday. The suit was brought to recover $75,000 loaned to the defendants on forged bonds of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company in 1873. The case has been on trial about two weeks, before Judge Speir and a jury. The jury retired to deliberate about 3 P. M. yesterday, and were called into court at 5:10 P. M. They then announced that they had not agreed upon a verdict, and were not able to agree. Judge Speir said that the case had been on trial for a long time, and they had heard a great deal of evidence on both sides. Besides this the case had cost the County too much to allow it to be ended in this way. He would, therefore, lock them up for the night, and would open the court at 11 A. M. to-day to receive whatever verdict they might have to give. The jury were then given into the custody of the court officer.

THE ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH DISASTER.

Mrs. Honora Corrigan, as Administratrix of Michael Spillane, brought suit against the City to recover $5,000 damages under the statute in relation to accidents causing death. Spillane, it appeared, a boy of thirteen years of age, was one of the victims of the St. Andrew's Church disaster on Feb. 23, 1875, having been killed by the falling of the wall of the neighboring crockery warehouse owned by Mr. Shaw. It was claimed that the City was responsible for the negligence of the Department of Buildings in allowing the unsafe wall to remain standing. The defense put in was that, under the decision in the recent case of Maximilian, the City was not to be held liable, and, further, that the Department of Public Buildings has a governmental and not a ministerial function, and the municipality is not responsible for its acts. These latter grounds were held good, Judge Lawrence dismissing the complaint yesterday.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

By Judge Brady.

Haskell vs. Haskell.—Report of Referee confirmed; decree of divorce granted to plaintiff.

Thompson vs. The Mayor, &c.—Order entered by Johnson & Ward vacated.

Walker vs. Dodge.—Upon examination of this, I am of the opinion that there is doubt of the defendant's indebtedness to the plaintiff. The case is not as conclusive on that subject as it ought to be. The doubt existing, the defendant is entitled to the benefit of it, and must be discharged. The order will be granted without costs, and on the defendant stipulating not to sue.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Van Vorst.

Die Deutsche, &c., vs. The Mayor, &c.—Findings settled.

Townshend vs. Townshend.—Findings and decree signed.

By Judge Van Brunt.

Spears et al. vs. The Mayor, &c.—Case settled.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Speir.

Keiley, &c., vs. Hiler et al.—Findings settled.

A GRAND JURY ROOM CONDEMNED.

The Grand Jury of the General Sessions came into court yesterday, and, having concluded its labors, handed in a number of ordinary indictments and a presentment which will be found appended. Judge Sutherland commended the Grand Jury for the zeal and intelligence displayed by them in the transaction of their duties during the term, and discharged them with the thanks of the court. The following is the presentment of the Grand Jury:

Whereas, The present Grand Jury room of the Court of General Sessions, situated in the basement of the court building No. 32 Chambers street, is badly ventilated, damp, cold, and uncomfortable, and has been presented to us as unfit for the purpose by a Grand Juror who was on duty in said room in September last, and contracted malarial disease, (as advised by his physician and he believes in this room,) and which confined him to his house forty-three days, and was on crutches when he made the presentment of said room; and further, as the present jury laws compel attendance till seventy years of age, instead of sixty years, as formerly, and as at this later period of life the objections to this room become greatly increased; therefore,

Resolved, That we present this room as unfitted as a place of meeting for the Grand Jury of the Court of General Sessions. On motion, it was further

Resolved, That the atmosphere in the Court of General Sessions, after two or three hours' sessions, is fetid, unwholesome, destructive of health, and demands immediate suitable ventilation.

HUGH AUCHINCLOSS, Foreman.

JOHN W. QUINCEY, Secretary.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

In the Court of General Sessions yesterday, Judge Sutherland presiding, Assistant District Attorney Herring prosecuting, Mina Miller, charged with stealing jewelry valued at $70, the property of William Winter, No. 139 East Eighteenth street, pleaded guilty, and was sent to State Prison for one year. James McCabe, who broke into the liquor store of Michael Lynch, No. 309 Eighth avenue, but only succeeded in securing thirty-five cents plunder, having admitted his guilt, was sent to State Prison for one year. William Lang, detected in the act of burglary on the premises of John Cramer, No. 16 College place, and John Simpson, charged with stealing a horse and wagon containing a tub of butter, the property of Daniel Sullivan, a farmer, of Greenpoint, pleaded guilty, and were each sent to State Prison for two years and six months.

COURT NOTES.

John Barry made an assignment of his property yesterday to Daniel Buckley.

The Court of General Sessions adjourned yesterday for the term. The new branch of the court will be opened on the first Monday in January by Judge Gildersleeve, Recorder Hackett sitting in Part I.

William J. Kelley, a Post Office carrier, indicted in the United States Circuit Court, pleaded guilty to the charge of appropriating the contents of a letter intrusted to his care, and was remanded yesterday by Judge Benedict for sentence.

The Goodkind Brothers, who assigned their property a short time since to Frederick Lewis, yesterday filed their schedule in the Court of Common Pleas. From this it appears that the liabilities are $146,000, the nominal assets $31,366 04, and the real assets $15,500. A bond in $25,000 was ordered.

Judge Brady, in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday granted an injunction against John Kammitter, the proprietor of the Lion Saloon, No. 189 Chatham street, restraining him from giving theatrical representations until he has paid the requisite license fee to the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents.

Judge Donohue, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, yesterday announced that owing to lack of time he had been unable to attend to the matter of forfeiting the bail in the criminal indictments against William M. Tweed, a decision in which was to have been given yesterday. The Judge announced his intention of deciding the matter on Monday next.

Application was made to Judge Brady, in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, on behalf of the *American Grocer* Publishing Association for an injunction against the *Grocer* Publishing Company to prevent the latter from publishing the trade paper known as the *Grocer*. A temporary injunction was granted, with an order to show cause why it should not be made permanent.

Michael J. Farrell, the manager of the *City Record*, sued the City for his salary, and the case came up for trial before Judge Donohue in Supreme Court, Circuit, Part I, yesterday. The defense was that the plaintiff had made no demand on the Controller. Judge Donohue held that the presentation of the pay-roll containing his name was a sufficient demand. Verdict was therefore given for the plaintiff.

In the case of the New-York Balance Dock Company against the Mayor, &c., and the Department of Charities and Correction, a motion was yesterday made on behalf of the defendants, before Judge Lawrence, to have the plaintiffs elect as to which defendant they would proceed against. This was denied by Judge Lawrence, who also refused a motion to dismiss the complaint. Judgment was then given against both for $773 42 due for repairs on the School-ship Mercury.

The case of Elker Hyman against Simon Abraham was tried before Judge Donohue and a jury in Supreme Court, Part I., yesterday. The plaintiff charged the defendant with representing himself to be S. L. Goldberg, and purchasing a bill of goods for which he gave notes under that name. The defense was that there was no such man as S. L. Goldberg, and that the defendant had not personated him. The plaintiff and several others, however, identified him as the man who had obtained the goods. The jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed, with interest, being the sum of $968 14.

In the suit brought by Mrs. Mary Jane Pettis, the wife of the notorious "Spence" Pettis, the forger, against Andrew L. Roberts, Judge Donohue, in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, refused to modify his recent order compelling the plaintiff to pay the costs of the suit up to date, amounting to about one hundred dollars, before allowing her to reply to the defendant's counter claim. The suit was brought by Mrs. Pettis to recover $1,800 given to Roberts to get her husband out of the Massachusetts State Prison, where he is at present serving a term for forgery. Roberts set up a counter claim to the effect that he spent $2,200 in the work. Mrs. Pettis failed to reply within the statutory time, and was granted permission to do so only on the payment of all costs up to date. This she was not willing to do, and so endeavored to have the order modified. Judge Donohue, however, refused to do so.

A SINGULAR DIVORCE CASE.

A singular divorce suit has just been tried in the Equity Term of the Supreme Court, before Judge Dwight, at Rochester. The plaintiff was Mrs. Mary Verian; the defendant, Richard Verian. In brief, the facts of the case are, that the plaintiff in 1844 was married to Richard Henry Townsend. They lived together, says the Rochester *Union*, till 1854, when he suddenly disappeared, leaving her and three daughters without any means of support. After a lapse of eight years, during which time no word had been heard from the departed Richard, Mary married Richard Verian. The two lived together in harmony for two or three years, when the missing former husband turned up again, and, after an interview between the parties, quietly agreed not to disturb their felicity, and moved to Kalamazoo, Mich., where he died in 1868. After his departure, however, the Verians did not live happily together, Mary claiming that Verian was in the habit of getting drunk, swearing, refusing to contribute anything toward her support, and making himself an unpleasant inmate of the home generally. At first she charged him $3 a week for his board and lodging, but becoming tired, as she testified, of lodging, boarding, washing his clothes, and performing other duties for him for $3 a week, she raised the price to $4. This did not affect Richard a great deal, as he was not a very prompt-paying boarder, and at last becoming wholly tired of him, in 1873 she turned him out of the house, since which time the parties have not lived together. After this rejection, Richard began to get angry, and brought an action against his wife for divorce, on the ground that in consequence of the former husband being alive at the time of their marriage it was void. The answer set up by Mrs. Verian to this complaint was to the effect that even after he was aware that Townsend was alive, and also after his death at Kalamazoo, the parties continued to live together as man and wife, and consequently the marriage was ratified. The court decided that the marriage act was ratified by the subsequent cohabitation of the parties, and dismissed the complaint with costs. Another suit was then commenced by Richard Verian against his wife for possession of a half interest in a certain piece of property, which he claims was bought in their joint names. This the defendant denies, and claims that she bought it with money earned by herself, and is consequently entitled to the whole of it. This case was likewise dismissed by the court with costs.

THE PENNSYLVANIA COAL TRADE.

The following statistics of the week are from the Pottsville (Penn.) *Miners' Journal* of Dec. 24: "The quantity of coal sent from the Schuylkill region for the past week was, by rail, 83,507 tons; by canal, 1,727 tons; total, 85,234 tons, against 67,661 tons for the corresponding week of last year. Increase, 7,583 tons. The quantity sent so far for the year beginning Dec. 1 was 236,445 tons, against 290,663 tons, decrease, 54,218 tons. The quantity sent from all the regions for the week was anthracite 398,801 tons, and bituminous 279,781 tons; total, 678,581 tons, against 284,826 tons anthracite and 24,857 tons bituminous; total, 309,683 tons for the corresponding period of last year. Increase of anthracite, 113,975 tons; increase of bituminous, 254,924 tons; total increase, 368,899 tons. The quantity sent from all the regions so far for the year, was anthracite 20,116,645 tons and bituminous 3,856,334 tons; total, 23,972,979 tons, against 20,032,095 tons anthracite and 3,540,769 tons bituminous; total, 23,572,864 tons for corresponding period of last year. Increase, 400,115 tons."

THE LATE DEAN RICHMOND.

The Warsaw *Western New-Yorker* relates the following: "At the time that Company K, of the Seventeenth Regiment—the first company to enlist from this county—was organized, great difficulty arose in obtaining orders to remove to rendezvous. The company and its officers were anxious to go forward, but the department at Albany seemed to be overwhelmed with business, and great delay was occasioned by lack of orders for transportation. In this emergency, one of the officers of the company went to Batavia on Sunday, and finding Mr. Richmond at home laid the matter before him. He expressed great indignation at the tardiness and delay at Albany, and offered to put a car at the disposal of the officers of the company without waiting for orders if they could not be obtained immediately, and it was through his instrumentality that the company was enabled to go forward within two days of that time. Aware of his well-known political sentiments, this prompt action was something of a surprise to the applicant, and his hearty kindness and sympathy at that time will make his name remembered with gratitude."

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES.

The Nevada (Cal.) *Transcript* of a recent date says: "Felix Gillet has presented us with a box of ripe strawberries, of the 'Princess Dagmar' variety, which had just been picked from the vines in his gardens. Ripe strawberries, some of which measure three and a quarter inches in circumference, picked on the 13th of December, and grown in the open air at an attitude of 2,350 feet above the ocean, with huge banks of snow three or four feet deep in sight, and not thirty miles distant, shows what kind of a climate we have in California, and particularly in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains."

CONCERNING TOES.

The Boston *Globe* says that there was a queer little scene out at the Dudley School, in that city, Wednesday afternoon, when, in the programme for the Christmas festival of the youngest classes, between fifty and sixty little ones recited the ditty ending, "Ten little toes, and what they are for nobody knows." The wise look and comical shake of the head by each of the mites as she repeated the last words were very funny.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE JANUARY MAGAZINES.

HARPER'S MONTHLY.

—If the people in these Northern States go in ignorance of Florida, the blame will not belong to the writers for the magazines, for on all sides they are setting forth its advantages and peculiarities. Constance F. Woolson writes a long account of the Oklawaha, and her description is illustrated with sixteen of the sixty-six engravings that will be found in the number. The account is full of little picturesque sketches. Another interesting paper is by Emily Battey, who, mindful of the season, writes of "The Poetry of Steeples," and tells something of bells and carillons. The illustration of the old bell-ringers, though, hardly does justice to the ancient custom which, after all, gave as much music, and, as many people think, with better effect, than the method of pulling bells by machinery. The story of the bells of Limerick is well told. Then we have an ably written defense of Gothic architecture, by John J. Stevenson, who suggests several topics which invite discussion, and supplies a number of historical data at the same time. House-builders will derive some useful hints from Mr. Stevenson. "Cambridge on the Charles," is the title of an excellent contribution from Charles F. Richardson, who should find a multitude of readers, not only among the friends and graduates of Harvard, but among all who are interested in the history and reminiscences of the place. The "First Century" paper is of a double character. President Barnard finishes his review of the progress made in the exact sciences, and Prof. Gill takes up the same in natural science. We have also the concluding article on "Legislative Humors," by Hon. S. S. Cox. In fiction, likewise, the number is rich. "Garth" is continued by Julian Hawthorne, and there are three capital short stories—"A Country Chorister," by Mrs. Frank McCarty; "Don Joaquin," by G. W. Cable; and another with the weighty title of "Natural Selection," by Rev. W. M. Baker. Poetry has six representatives, of which some verses by Fannie R. Robinson are among the prettiest. Other pieces are contributed by Rev. H. N. Powers, Carl Spencer, Hannah R. Hudson, John J. Piatt, and Will Wallace Harney. The editorial notes on science, literature, history, anecdote, and general topics are copious and good.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.

—The current number is the first of the thirty-seventh volume, and promises well, containing, as it does, a series of unusually good articles. "Private Theatricals" takes precedence, Mr. Howells supplying three more excellent chapters. A capital short story, called "One of the Thirty Pieces," is from the pen of one whose name is new to the friends of the *Atlantic*—Mr. W. H. Bishop—but from whom they will be glad to hear again if they read his present contribution. Outside the realm of fiction are also several attractive papers. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps has one entitled "Going South," wherein she amusingly describes a trip to St. Augustine and the preliminaries for it. We shall look with some curiosity for the sequel, for Mrs. Phelps must not be allowed to disappoint the public by stopping where she does. Mrs. Frances Anne Kemble continues her "Old Woman's Gossip," which loses none of its interest. She gives a life-like sketch, not without an occasional touch of humor in it, of Weber and Rossini. Charles Francis Adams, Jr., continues his papers on railroad accidents with an account and a critical examination of the causes of that known as the Revere catastrophe, incidentally referring to some others. Mr. Adams discusses the features of such accidents in a dispassionate manner which might well be more generally followed at the time of their occurrence. Of a different character, but none the less attractive to a certain class of readers, are a description of brigands and brigandage in Sicily, by Luigi Monti, and a notice of the Provençal poet Jacques Jasmin, by Miss H. Preston, who gives some examples of his works, admirably translated. A page of the life of President Lincoln, and of the history of the first few hours after the close of the war, is given by Allan A. Magruder. Mr. Howells has a prominent notice of "four new books of poetry," and verses are in abundance supplied from the pens of Oliver Wendell Holmes, John G. Whittier, T. B. Aldrich, Louise Moulton, Maurice Thompson, and Mrs. Piatt. The contribution by Dr. Holmes should be read by all aspiring poets.

LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE.

—We have here a good beginning to a new volume—the seventeenth—and one which promises to justify the opinion we have before expressed, that *Lippincott's* is one of the most agreeable and interesting of the magazines. It opens with a paper on "The Century; Its Fruits and Its Festival," in which the subject is treated somewhat differently from the manner in which it has been hitherto dealt with. It is not confined to American progress only, but touches upon that elsewhere, and if the writer carries out that idea fully he will find a wide and rich field for investigation. Mr. Bruce resumes his articles on the scenery of the Thames, giving a good account of Hampton Court and Claremont, and, we imagine, concluding the series. The illustrations still suggest a previous generation in the habits and clothing of the people represented, but no exception can be taken to them on the score of inaccuracy of scenery. Fortunately, the old buildings are unaltered since our fathers saw them. Another illustrated article is a timely, and in many respects original, description of Bombay and the religious systems of the natives of India. Mrs. Rebecca H. Davis, under the title "The Home on the Beach," gives an account of the United States signal service; and Robert Wilson describes plantation life in South Carolina, if with less vigor than we have had it described before, yet with considerable picturesqueness, and much interesting information. G. Colmache furnishes a sketch, full of anecdote, of court life in France, with some suggestive comments on the word gentleman; and another writer, who chooses to be anonymous, sets forth the view that Portugal is a most wretched land, and then asks us to pray for the "unhappy" place. Mrs. Linton continues successfully "The Atonement of Leam Dundas," and the author of "Blindpits" supplies what may fairly be called a rather long short story that is well worth reading. There are, besides the miscellaneous items, three pieces of poetry contributed by Mrs. Kemble, whose verses should not be overlooked, Sidney Lanier, and F. A. Hillard—making up a bright and entertaining number.

THE ALDINE.

—The issue now before us completes the seventh volume of this essentially American art journal. The first picture is a head of Christ by Neuman after Cauer, finished in a bold and effective style. It is accompanied by some appropriate lines from the pen of Henry Morford. Winter indoors and out doors furnishes the subject of two other illustrations, one of which, however, is superior in execution to the other, and there are three engravings of more importance but of about equal merit—"The Wreckers' Christmas," by Gustav Michel; an original drawing as we take it, entitled "The Female Muses;" and a good picture by A. L. Mayer of the chamber scene in "Cymbeline," where *Iachimo* is removing the bracelet from the arm of *Imogen*. The artist has treated his subject with much skill, and the expression of the wily Italian is admirable. Nuremberg comes in for a large share of attention. It supplies subjects for several illustrations, all of which are good portraitures of the originals. Some descriptive letter-press—including, of course, Longfellow's well-known lines—adds much to their value. The literary portion of the contents, besides this and references to the other illustrations, contains a Christmas story called "Going Home to Cloud Heaven," by Eirma Stjierne Jarlsen, and another by Annette Noble, which the author calls "The Clock's Secret." There are also a concluding paper on Switzerland and another chapter of "The Spire of Monmouth," besides a few verses.

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY.

—The approaching Centennial largely affects the pages of this monthly. The first paper, by J. F. Mines, is descriptive of New-York as it was in the Revolutionary days, and the second, by H. F. Scudder, who adopts the title, "Cupid and Mars," is a story founded on the siege of Boston. Both are very good contributions to our centennial history. The next two papers concern house-builders and house-furnishers; one is by John Burroughs, who makes many useful suggestions, but lays down theories which we do not think will meet general approval among æsthetic tastes; the other, by Clarence Cook, is well worth the consideration not only of people who have houses to furnish, but of others who, having furnished their houses, have fallen into many common blunders in the process. The object of the writer is to induce people to do their house-furnishing themselves independently of the advice of upholsterers, and to explain the principles upon which it should be done. Mr. E. E. Hale begins a story which is to run through the year, and entitled "Philip Nolan's Friends." The scene is laid chiefly in the Mississippi Valley, and, judging from the opening chapters, it, too, promises to be a timely production. "Gabriel Conroy" is continued to the seventeenth chapter, and will probably rank as one of Bret Harte's best works. In all the serials there is only one American novel now being published which is as good, but the style and matter are so different in the two that a comparison can hardly be made. The remaining prose contents are of less moment. They comprise a note on education in England, by H. G. Taylor; some Revolutionary letters published by J. O. Cheney; "Childhood's Fancies," by T. W. Higginson; "Hooks and Eyes," by H. Eckford; "Norwegian Traits," by A. S. Packard, and a sketch of the French Renaissance, compiled by W. Lamoroux. There is poetry by Mrs. Piatt, E. C. Stedman, C. E. Brooks, C. Thaxter, H. H., Prof. Boyesen, and R. H. Stoddard, the last of whom sends some pretty verses. The miscellaneous notes are of the usual character, but when Dr. Holland attempts the construction of anecdotes he should be careful of his premises. Oxford undergraduates do not travel from London to Oxford at the end of term. Their course then is usually in the opposite direction. Neither do they or any other travelers make their journeys to and from the country in England in drays. We should imagine that Dr. Holland is not a particularly well-informed or wise sort of man.

THE GALAXY.

—This magazine enters upon the tenth year of its existence and the twenty-first volume with at least one good feature—the concluding chapters of "Dear Lady Disdain." If this is not one of the worst novels of recent date—and we do not say that it is—it will assuredly rank prominently among the most stupid of them. Its place will probably be taken by "Madcap Violet," from the pen of the author of the *Princess of Thule*, of which two chapters make their appearance this month. Seven chapters of "Reuben Dale," by Annie Howells, are also here, and will be found well worth reading. This, we believe, is the first novel which Miss Howells has written, but it is marked by all the best qualities which have become familiar in her shorter productions. Among the general articles two only stand out as chiefly noticeable—one by Albert Rhodes, who offers some sensible remarks and some extremely good advice upon "Woman's Occupations," and the other a short contribution by R. B. Kimball, wherein he points out the abuse that has been made in this country of the word banker, and directs a well-timed caution to the public. Charles W. Raymond tells, amid much sharp criticism, some interesting particulars regarding Western surveys, and suggests where reform might be effected. An anonymous writer has what reads like a compilation, freshened up with a few original observations, on the Japanese stage; Dr. Guernsey furnishes a sketch of Walter Savage Landor; Justin McCarthy takes occasion to abuse the institutions under which he lives, in the hope of pleasing American readers, and there is a paper relating to the French aristocracy, suggested by a work of M. Taine. The poetry is confined to three pieces, of which the most pretentious is by Prof. Boyesen. Among the miscellaneous notes the reader will find some that are worthy of attention.

ST. NICHOLAS.

—The boys and girls who expect something exceptional from Mrs. Dodge on account of the season will not be disappointed. For although this is a January number, the prevalent system of premature publication makes it also a Christmas number. Accordingly we have in it descriptions of Christmas in many places—in the South, by E. M. S.; in the Far East, by Fanny R. Feudge; in the Arctic Regions, by J. H. Woodbury; besides a number of contributions which are applicable to Christmas everywhere. The frontispiece is taken from Tintoretto's painting of St. Christopher, and "H. H." narrates in verse a legend of that saint which occupies nearly three pages. Among the contributors this month are several well-known names. Bayard Taylor sends a pleasing notice of Jon of Iceland; Edward Eggleston tells a Hoosier fairy story which he calls "Bobby and the Key-hole," and which is quaintly illustrated; C. P. Cranch explains, of course in verse, how Willie went coasting by moonlight; J. T. Trowbridge contributes the first part of a capital story, entitled "Bass Cove Sketches—A Couple of Crusoes," and Susan Coolidge has a good fairy tale "Toinette and the Elves." But that, after all, which the young readers of *St. Nicholas* most look forward, too, from month to month, is the adventures of "The Boy Emigrants," as told by Noah Brooks. There are two new chapters of this, with a couple of illustrations; and the promise of the earlier portions is amply sustained. But there are still a dozen contributions, either in prose or verse, which must remain unnoticed here, to say nothing of Jack-in-the-Pulpit and all the other familiar departments of riddles, letters, and other things at the end. For all this we must refer the reader to the magazine itself, than which none is better or likely to prove so rich a source of amusement in reading to children of both sexes.

THE AQUATIC MONTHLY.

—The "Correspondence," which, as we have before remarked, is one of the most interesting features of this, the American representative of boating and yachting interests, contains but four contributions this month. "Hard-a-lee" makes some propositions respecting the handicapping of yachts for races, and takes occasion to express his surprise at the attention which has been given the past Summer to the Mohawk. "Big Topmast" has a few words for his opponents who advocate "racing machines" in preference to deep-keel yachts. "Anchor," referring to a picture of the Addie V. painted by one of our New-York artists, expresses his regret, unnecessarily in our opinion, at the lack of encouragement which Corinthian yachting has received from the public and the press, and Stuart M. Taylor, after evincing his delight at the October matches tells anew the story of the wonderful race between the Ariel, Taeping, and Senica from China to England. The narrative, however, is a quotation, and would have been just as good without the interpolations. Centennial matters, of course, receive attention, and probable contestants on the Schuylkill will find some information in the reported work of the Philadelphia committee, as well as a little amusement in the unpromising labors of the College Association at Springfield, Mass. The editorial items, as well as the news of yachting and rowing events, past and to come, with the several comments thereto are complete, as they always are, fully justifying the claims of the *Aquatic* to the continued support of the aquatic world.

DEMOREST'S MONTHLY.

—Fifty-two quarto pages devoted to the fashions and to a great variety of matter which is particularly interesting, not to say important, to the ladies, are some guarantee at least for the magnitude of this magazine. Of its merits otherwise, we may not be allowed to speak with full authority, but it has the reputation, and we believe justly, of being one of the best of its kind. Trifling errors sometimes appear in its references to general subjects, but in the matter of the fashions it may, we believe, be trusted. It always contains a great deal of useful information in other branches also, which are of interest to its readers.

THE CATHOLIC WORLD.

—This magazine still retains its position as the best of the serials devoted to the interests of the Catholic Church. It is ably and liberally conducted, while at the same time abating nothing of its attachment to the principles it supports. The current number contains a number of articles which are of interest, no less to Protestants than to Catholics, as, for example, those relating to the President's speech at Des Moines, to the Protestant Episcopal Church Congress at Philadelphia, and to the Conference of Anglicans and Old Catholics at Bonn. There is likewise a great deal of well-chosen reading of a lighter character, and the book reviews have often struck us as the best, sometimes because the boldest and most impartial, of all that are to be found in the monthly magazines.

THE STATE CENSUS.

THE REVISED OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE RESULT BY COUNTIES.

The Albany *Argus* prints the corrected official tables of the result of the census of the State. The revised figures are as follows:

Counties.	Population 1875.	Population 1870.	Population 1865.	Voters 1875.	Voters 1865.
Albany	147,530	133,052	115,504	34,784	24,723
Allegany	41,721	40,814	40,285	11,330	10,088
Broome	47,913	44,103	37,933	12,999	9,562
Cattara'g's	48,477	43,909	42,205	12,463	10,334
Cayuga	61,213	59,550	55,730	16,060	13,590
Chaut'qua	64,869	59,327	58,528	16,940	14,228
Chemung	41,879	35,281	31,923	11,027	7,450
Chenango	39,937	40,564	38,360	11,612	10,386
Clinton	49,761	47,947	45,713	10,572	8,052
Columbia	47,756	47,044	44,905	12,465	10,635
Cortland	24,500	25,173	24,815	6,958	6,592
Delaware	42,149	42,972	41,638	11,555	10,582
Dutchess	76,856	74,941	65,192	19,208	15,119
Erie	199,570	178,699	157,150	43,143	29,441
Essex	34,474	29,642	28,644	8,336	6,121
Franklin	31,581	30,271	28,575	6,811	5,505
Fulton	30,188	27,064	24,512	7,834	5,895
Genesee	32,561	31,606	31,728	8,173	7,465
Greene	32,544	31,832	31,710	8,975	7,745
Hamilton	3,482	2,960	2,653	891	657
Herkimer	41,692	39,929	39,154	11,504	9,720
Jefferson	65,362	65,415	66,448	17,143	15,526
Kings	509,216	419,921	310,824	114,982	58,167
Lewis	29,236	28,699	27,840	7,602	6,677
Livingst'n	38,564	38,309	37,555	10,051	9,055
Madison	42,490	43,522	42,607	12,044	11,160
Monroe	134,534	117,868	104,285	30,521	21,777
Montgm'y	35,200	34,457	31,447	9,359	7,674
New-York	1,046,037	942,292	726,386	231,109	128,975
Niagara	51,904	50,437	49,655	12,911	10,222
Oneida	113,967	110,008	102,713	28,741	24,489
Onondaga	113,223	104,183	93,332	28,085	21,409
Ontario	47,730	45,108	48,316	12,354	10,487
Orange	85,252	80,902	70,165	20,842	14,977
Orleans	29,977	27,689	28,603	7,967	6,956
Oswego	78,615	77,941	76,200	19,999	17,061
Otsego	49,815	48,967	48,616	14,476	12,954
Putnam	15,811	15,420	14,845	4,107	3,445
Queens	84,131	73,803	57,997	19,868	11,801
Rensselaer	105,053	99,549	88,210	25,916	19,098
Richmond	35,241	33,029	28,209	8,493	5,627
Rockland	26,951	25,213	20,788	6,343	4,319
Saratoga	55,233	51,529	49,892	14,572	11,782
Schen'tady	22,892	21,347	20,888	5,877	4,870
Schoharie	32,419	33,340	33,353	8,957	8,083
Schuyler	18,928	18,989	18,441	5,462	4,874
Seneca	27,299	27,823	27,653	7,184	6,643
St. Law'ce	84,124	84,826	80,904	19,266	16,764
Steuben	73,923	67,717	66,192	19,395	15,766
Suffolk	52,088	46,924	42,869	13,509	9,961
Sullivan	34,935	34,550	32,741	8,440	7,473
Tioga	31,744	30,572	28,163	8,852	7,214
Tompkins	32,915	33,178	30,696	9,450	7,999
Ulster	88,271	84,075	75,609	21,554	16,224
Warren	23,295	22,592	21,128	6,018	4,040
Wash'ton	48,167	49,568	46,244	12,733	10,767
Wayne	49,882	47,710	47,498	13,272	11,456
Westch'ter	100,660	131,348	101,197	24,059	20,479
Wyoming	30,595	29,164	30,033	8,211	7,533
Yates	19,686	19,595	19,338	5,632	5,082
Total	4,705,208	4382759	3831777	1138330	823,426

NATIVE AND NATURALIZED VOTERS.

Counties.	1875 Native.	1875 Naturalized.	1865 Native.	1865 Naturalized.
Albany	20,508	14,276	15,097	9,626
Allegany	9,990	1,340	9,054	1,034
Broome	11,540	1,459	8,784	778
Cattaraugus	10,241	2,222	8,828	1,506
Cayuga	13,105	2,955	11,689	1,901
Chautauqua	13,717	3,923	12,235	1,993
Chemung	8,988	2,039	6,540	910
Chenango	10,825	787	9,799	537
Clinton	7,020	3,552	5,287	2,765
Columbia	10,504	1,961	9,311	1,324
Cortland	6,300	658	6,136	456
Delaware	10,501	1,054	9,528	1,054
Dutchess	15,105	4,103	12,534	2,585
Erie	21,270	21,873	14,098	15,343
Essex	6,301	2,035	5,014	1,107
Franklin	5,029	1,782	4,031	1,474
Fulton	6,748	1,086	5,192	703
Genesee	6,141	2,032	5,960	1,505
Greene	8,014	961	7,089	656
Hamilton	766	125	573	84
Herkimer	9,338	2,166	8,054	1,666
Jefferson	14,570	2,573	13,579	1,947
Kings	54,410	60,572	29,933	28,234
Lewis	5,639	1,963	4,834	1,843
Livingston	7,988	2,063	7,422	1,633
Madison	10,568	1,476	9,984	1,176
Monroe	18,208	12,313	13,312	8,465
Montgomery	7,684	1,675	6,572	1,122
New-York	89,907	141,202	51,500	77,475
Niagara	8,092	4,121	7,090	3,132
Oneida	19,364	9,377	16,234	8,255
Onondaga	19,150	8,935	15,552	5,857
Ontario	9,795	2,559	8,785	1,702
Orange	16,268	4,574	12,244	2,733
Orleans	6,227	1,740	5,850	1,136
Oswego	15,809	4,190	14,001	3,060
Otsego	13,502	974	12,222	732
Putnam	3,396	711	3,106	339
Queens	12,161	7,707	8,171	3,630
Rensselaer	16,664	9,252	13,034	6,064
Richmond	4,871	3,622	3,213	2,414
Rockland	4,755	1,588	3,549	770
Saratoga	11,651	2,921	9,950	1,823
Schenectady	4,300	1,577	3,621	1,249
Schoharie	8,570	387	7,763	320
Schuyler	5,029	433	4,535	339
Seneca	5,871	1,313	5,536	1,107
St. Lawrence	14,925	4,341	13,269	3,495
Steuben	16,709	2,686	14,004	1,762
Suffolk	11,620	1,889	9,058	903
Sullivan	6,235	2,205	5,597	1,876
Tioga	8,175	677	6,812	402
Tompkins	8,730	720	7,556	443
Ulster	16,476	5,078	13,009	3,215
Warren	5,132	916	4,100	640
Washington	10,097	2,636	9,153	1,614
Wayne	10,637	2,635	9,539	1,017
Westchester	16,239	7,820	14,290	6,189
Wyoming	6,652	1,561	6,143	1,390
Yates	5,055	577	4,630	452
Totals	743,082	395,248	583,594	239,632

TIRED OF BOYS.

A citizen of Richmond, Va., writes to a local paper thus: "I protest against the existence of boys. I call on the Police to abolish them. If through the mistaken kindness of some people they are allowed to exist, let them be deprived of all amusement and pleasure. No one has a right to live in this world but we old people. I also protest against Christmas, candy, toys of all sorts, pop-crackers, &c."

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—DEC. 24.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

$1,000 U. Pac. 1st...c.105
400 Western Union..c. 72⅞
30 N. Y. C. & Hud...104
100 Pacific Mail...... 39⅜
100 do.......c. 39⅜
600 do.......b3. 39½
400 do......... 39½
100 do.......s3. 39⅜
100 do......... 39⅜
200 North-western.... 38⅝
100 Mich. Central...c. 59
500 Pac. R. of Mo..... 13
100 St. Paul Pref...... 65⅜
100 do.......c. 65¼
600 do......... 65¼
200 do......... 65⅛
1200 Lake Shore...... 59½
300 do.......c. 59½
27 do......... 59¼
200 do......... 59⅜
600 do.......c. 59½
100 do.......c. 59½
2200 do......... 59⅜
25 do......... 59⅝
525 do......... 59⅜
300 do.....b10. 59¼
100 do.....s15. 59¼
400 do.......s3. 59¼
200 do.......c. 59¼
100 Union Pacific...c. 72
100 do.......c. 72¼

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$6,000 U. S. 6s, '81, R.........b. c.119½
$1,250 U. S. 5-20 R., '67.........119

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$3,000 Tenn. 6s. old.. 41
10,000 Dist. of Col. 3.65s....b3. 68
2,000 S. C. 6s, n.J&J. 35
1,000 B.,C.R.&M.1st 34
8,000 C.& R.I.&P.7s.111
7,000 N. J. C. Conv.106
8,000 M. & St.P. 1st. LaC. Div.... 98
3,000 M.&S.P.7 3-10. 95½
30,000 C&N.W.C.G.B. 85
1,000 Mor. & Es. 2d.110½
1,000 H.&St.Jo.8s,C. 79½
3,000 Erie 4th........ 95
11,000 Cen. P.1st.Cal. & O. Branch.. 92
5,000 do......... 92¼
10,000 do......... 92½
10,000 do......... 92¾
1,000 West. Pac. bs. 99½
5,000 O. & M. 2d..... 68
10,000 U. Pac. S. F... 93
1,000 Can. & So. 1st, with Int. C.. 57
1,000 L. & N. C., '98. 85
5 Fourth Nat. Bk.. 96
10 Ninth Nat. Bank. 82
200 Quicksilver..b. c. 17½
200 do......s3. 17½
100 Mar., a. p.....b.c. 8¾
300 Pacific Mail.b.c.c. 39¼
600 do......... 39¼
100 do......s10. 39⅛
200 do......s3. 39⅛
1700 do......... 39⅛
300 do......... 39¼
200 N.Y.C. & Hud.b. c.104
600 Erie Railway..b.c. 15¼
900 do......... 15⅜
52 W. U. Tel....b. c. 73⅛
100 do......... 72¾
100 do......b3. 72¾
200 do......... 72⅝
200 do......s3. 72½
900 do......... 72½
1200 do......... 72⅜
700 do......s3. 72¼
200 do......c. 72¼
200 do......... 72¼
200 do......... 72⅜
800 do......s3. 72¼
100 do......b3. 72⅜
800 do......... 72¼
900 do......... 72⅛
1400 do......s3. 72
1100 do......... 72
400 do......s3. 71⅞
2200 do......... 71⅞
300 do......s3. 71¾
2900 do......... 71¾
1100 do......... 71⅝
100 do......b3. 71¾
400 do......c. 71¾
100 Adams Ex...b. c.101⅛
62 Wells-Far.Ex.b.c. 86
5 do......... 86½
100 U. S. Ex.......b. c. 60½
200 L. S.& M. So.b. c. 59¼
200 do......s5. 59⅛
1400 do......... 69⅛
200 do....u.r. c. 59¼
600 do......s3. 59⅛
2200 do......... 59
1600 do......s3. 58⅞
100 do......b3. 59
500 do......c. 58⅞
700 do......... 58⅞
1500 do......s3. 58¾
5600 do......... 58¾
2600 do......s3. 58⅝
1000 do......... 58⅝
200 do......... 58½
500 do......s3. 58½
300 do......... 58⅝
100 do......... 58¾
100 do......c. 58¾
500 do......s3. 58⅝
500 do......... 58¾
100 Un. Pacific.b.c.s3. 72¼
100 do......c. 72¼
100 Mich. Cen...b.c.s3. 58⅝
400 do......... 58⅝
300 do......... 58½
200 do......... 58⅜
200 do......... 58¼
100 Cen. of N. J..b. c.105
100 do.........104¾
200 D.,L. & W.b.c.b30.120
100 do.........119⅞
100 do.........119¾
200 Chic. & N.W.b. c. 38¼
100 do......... 38⅝
100 do......... 38½
200 do......... 38⅜
1300 do......... 38¼
100 C. & N.W. Pf...b.c. 55¼
200 do......... 54½
100 T., Wab. & W.b. c. 3½
100 Chi. & R. I...b. c.104
200 do......s3.103¾
30 do.........104
200 do.........103¾
100 do.........103⅝
100 C.,M.&St.P.bc.b10 34⅛
100 do.....b10. 34
100 C.M.&St.P.Pf..b.c. 65⅛
100 do......s3. 65
100 Han. & St. J..b. c. 20¼
18 do......... 20½
100 H. & St. J. Pf..b.c. 26
100 do......... 26¼
100 Ohio & M..b. c.s3. 16
400 do......... 16
400 do......... 15⅞
200 do......... 15¾
50 do......... 16

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—12:30 P. M.

$5,000 Mo. 6s, L. bs...102⅞
15,000 N.J.Cen.1st,C.111
14,000 C. P., S. J. B... 91
4,000 H.&St.Jo.8s,C. 79½
5,000 Un. Pac. 1st...105
5 German Am. B'k. 76
100 Pacific Mail...... 39¼
100 N. Y. C. & Hud...104
200 Rock Island......103¾
900 Lake Shore.....c. 58¾
1300 do......... 58¾
200 do......b3. 58⅞
100 St. Paul........ 33⅞
100 Toledo & Wab.... 3½
100 do......... 3⅜
500 West. Union...b3. 72
200 do......s3. 71⅞
200 do......... 71⅞
2500 do.....s60. 71¾
200 do......... 72
100 do......s3. 72
400 do......... 72⅛
1100 do......... 72
100 do......c. 71⅞
300 do......... 71⅞
200 do......s3. 71⅞
100 Ohio & Miss. Pf.. 35½
100 Han. & St. Jo. Pf. 26½
20 Reno 2d Pf.......103
100 Kansas Pacific... 12½

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—2 P. M.

$1,500 U. S. 6s, C.,'81.124⅛
$8,000 U. S. 10-40s, R.116⅞

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$5,000 Tenn. 6s. old.. 41
18,000 Un. P..L.G. 7s.101
10,000 Un. P. S. F.b.c. 93
9,000 St.L.& I.M.1st. 94½
300 W. Un.Tel.b. c.s3. 72
400 do......c. 72⅛
1500 do......... 72⅛
1300 do......... 72¼
800 do......... 72⅜
1100 do......... 72¼
100 American Ex..s3. 56½
10 Adams Ex....b. c.102
100 Erie R'way.b.c.s3 15⅜
700 do......... 15½
100 do......b3. 15½
100 Pac. Mail.b. c b10. 39⅜
100 do......s3. 39¼
900 do......... 39⅜
100 do......c. 39⅜
300 Mich. Cen...b. c. 58¾
100 do......... 58⅞
500 Lake Shore & M. So....b. c.s15. 58¾
100 do......b3. 58⅞
800 do......b3. 59
300 do......s3. 58⅞
100 do......... 58⅞
800 do......s3. 59
800 do......... 59⅛
400 do......s3. 59⅛
500 do......... 59¼
200 do......... 59⅛
100 do.....b30. 59¼
100 do......s3. 59
200 do......... 59⅛
100 Chic. & R. I.. b. c.103¾
200 Ohio & Miss..b. c. 16

SALES FROM 2:30 TO 3 P. M.

$10,000 D. of C.3.65s. 68⅜
2100 Western Union.. 72¼
400 Pacific Mail...... 39⅜
100 Erie Railway...... 15½
100 Mich. Central.... 59⅛
100 do.....s60. 58½
300 Lake Shore...s3. 59⅛
200 do......... 59⅛
300 N. J. Central.....104½
400 St. Paul......... 34¼
100 Ohio & Miss...... 16⅛
100 do......... 16
20 Morris & Essex..102
200 St. Louis & I. M.. 15
50 Reno 2d Pref......103
25 N. Y., N. H. & H..143¾

FRIDAY, Dec. 24—3 P. M.

The close observance of the Christmas holiday necessitated the publication of the weekly statement of the Associated Banks to-day instead of to-morrow. The exhibit shows a decrease in all the items excepting specie, which has increased $654,100. This, together with the heavy falling off in the deposit line, more than offset the effect of the decrease in legal tenders on the net reserve of the banks, the excess above lawful requirements held by these institutions being $7,361,900, a gain since last week of $354,600.

The following is the statement of the New-York City banks this week, as compared with the last:

	Dec. 18.	Dec. 24.	Differences.
Loans	$265,512,500	$263,683,500	Dec..$1,829,000
Specie	16,105,800	16,759,900	Inc.. 654,100
Legal t'ders	41,960,500	40,762,200	Dec.. 1,198,300
Deposits	204,236,000	200,640,800	Dec.. 3,595,200
Circulation	19,028,600	18,950,700	Dec.. 77,900

The transactions at the Stock Exchange to-day were smaller than on yesterday, the sales aggregating only 84,700 shares. During the morning hours the sellers predominated, and prices yielded ¼ to 1¼ per cent. in the entire list, but the decline was recovered, in some instances, during the afternoon, and the market closed firm. Lake Shore closed at 59⅛@59¼, after selling down from 59½ to 58½. Western Union declined from 72⅞ to 71⅝, but rallied in the late dealings to 72⅜. Pacific Mail declined to 39⅛, North-western common to 38¼, preferred to 54½; Rock Island to 103⅝, St. Paul to 33⅞, Preferred to 65 and Hannibal and St. Joseph Preferred to 26; but the latest dealings were at an advance of ⅛@½ ₱ cent. Michigan Central fell off to 58¼, but at the close advanced to 59⅛. Union Pacific opened at 72, but closed at 72¾ bid, in the regular way, and 74, buyer 60. New-Jersey Central receded to 104½. Missouri Pacific declined 1 ₱ cent., selling down to 12. Dispatches from Philadelphia reported a decline in Reading, based on rumors that the company will pass or reduce the approaching dividend.

There was a moderate demand for money to-day, but this was promptly met at 6@7 ₱ cent., until near the close, when large offerings were made in order to obtain two days' interest until Monday, and the rate dropped to 2@3 ₱ cent. The national bank notes received for redemption at Washington to-day were $779,000. Exchange at Cincinnati on New-York was heavy at $1 discount for $1,000. The rate at St. Louis is $1 50 to $2 50, at Chicago 75c., and at Savannah ¼ ₱ cent. discount. At New-Orleans commercial exchange is 7-16, and bank exchange ¼ ₱ cent.

The foreign advices reported affairs quiet at London, consols being firmer at the close at 94 1-16 both for money and the account. United States bonds were firm, but without important change. Erie advanced to 13⅞. The rate of discount in the open market for three months' bills is 2⅝@2¾ ₱ cent. The Bank of England lost £155,000 bullion, withdrawn on balance to-day. The sterling exchange market was quiet and steady, the nominal rates for bankers' being unchanged. Actual business was at $4 85 for bankers' 60-day bills, and $4 88¼@$4 88½ for demand. Gold was quiet, and the market ruled at 113@113⅛ throughout the day, these having been the closing and opening quotations respectively. Washington advices state that the Treasury will begin to pay the January interest without rebate. On gold loans the rates were 1 to 3½ ₱ cent. for carrying.

Government bonds were firmer in tone, and prices showed a recovery of ¼@¾ ₱ cent. from the lowest prices of yesterday. Railroad bonds were quiet and steady, State bonds being dull. District Columbia 3.65s advanced to 68.

The imports of dry goods at the port of New-York for the week ending this date are $699,053, and the amount marketed, $534,415. The total imports of dry goods at the port since Jan. 1, 1875, amount to $89,161,623, and the total amount marketed, $88,933,386.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1875.

Gold receipts	$168,991 32
Gold payments	340,007 39
Gold balance	42,093,801 32
Currency receipts	529,347 32
Currency payments	1,462,571 89
Currency balance	37,561,740 44
Customs	148,000 00

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—DEC. 24.

	Thursday.	Friday.
American Gold	113⅛	113
United States 5s, 1881. Coupon	116¾	116¾
United States 5-20s, 1867s	122	122¼
Bills on London	$4 85@$4 85½	$4 85@$4 85½
New-York Central	103¾	104
Rock Island	104	103¾
Pacific Mail	39⅜	39⅜
St. Paul	34¼	34¼
St. Paul Preferred	65⅜	65¼
Lake Shore	59⅜	59⅛
North-western	38¾	38⅜
North-western Preferred	55¼	54⅝
Western Union	72⅞	72¼
Union Pacific	72⅛	72¾
Wabash	3½	3⅜
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western	120	119¾
New-Jersey Central	105⅛	104½
Panama	126	126
Erie	15½	15½
Ohio	16	16
C., C. & I. C	3¾	3¾
Harlem	130	130

The extreme range of prices in stocks, and the number of shares sold, are as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	No. of shares.
New-York Central	104	104	320
Erie	15½	15¼	2,500
Lake Shore	59½	58½	34,577
Wabash	3½	3⅜	300
North-western	38¾	38¼	2,100
North-western Preferred	55¼	54½	300
Rock Island	104	103⅝	900
Milwaukee & St. Paul	34¼	33⅞	700
Milw. & St. Paul Preferred	65⅜	65	1,200
Delaware, Lack. & Western	119⅞	119¾	400
New-Jersey Central	105	104½	500
Michigan Central	59⅛	58¼	1,900
Union Pacific	72¾	72	700
Hannibal & St. Joseph	20⅛	20⅛	100
Hannibal & St. Jo. Preferred	26½	26	300
Ohio & Mississippi	16	15⅞	1,650
Missouri Pacific	13	12	600
Western Union	72⅞	71⅝	28,525
Pacific Mail	39½	39⅛	6,100
Quicksilver	17½	17½	400
Iron Mountain	15	15	200
Adams Express	101½	101⅛	100
Kansas Pacific	12½	12	100
Amer. Mer. Union Express	60⅝	60½	100
Mariposa	8¾	8¾	100
Total sales			84,672

The following were the closing quotations of Government bonds:

	Bid.	Asked.
United States Currency 6s	122¼	122½
United States 6s, 1881, registered	119⅛	119½
United States 6s, 1881, coupons	123¾	124⅛
United States 5-20s, 1864, registered	113½	...
United States 5-20s, 1864, coupons*	113½	...
United States 5-20s, 1865, registered	114¾	115¼
United States 5-20s, 1865, coupons	115⅜	115¾
United States 5-20s, 1865, new reg	116¼	116½
United States 5-20s, 1865, new, coup	119⅞	120⅛
United States 5-20s, 1867, registered	118½	119¼
United States 5-20s, 1867, coupons	122¼	122½
United States 5-20s, 1868, registered	118¾	119¼
United States 5-20s, 1868, coupons	122⅜	122¾
United States 10-40s, registered	116⅞	117⅛
United States 10-40s, coupons	117¼	117½
United States 5s, 1881, registered	116½	116¾
United States 5s, 1881, coupons	116⅝	117

*Called.

The Sub-Treasury disbursed in coin $11,000 for interest, and $100,000 for called bonds.

The following table shows the transactions at the Gold Exchange Bank to-day:

Gold cleared	$55,003,000
Gold balances	1,147,738
Currency balances	1,546,272

The following is the Clearing-house statement:

Currency exchanges	$72,097,638
Currency balances	3,423,948
Gold exchanges	5,091,583
Gold balances	668,230

The following is the weekly Clearing-house statement:

Currency exchanges	$357,831,740
Currency balances	16,672,651
Gold exchanges	30,901,486
Gold balances	4,962,567

The following were the bids for the various State securities:

Alabama 8s, 1886	25	N.Y.6s, Gold reg., '87	115
Alabama 8s, 1888	25	N.Y.6s, Gold cou., '87	115
Arkansas 6s, Funded	37	N.Y.6s, Gold Loan, '91	116
Ark. 7s, L.R.&F.S.iss	10	N. C. 6s, old, J. & J.	15½
Ark. 7s, M. & L. R.	10	N. C. 6s, old, A. & O.	15½
Ark. 7s, L.R.PB.&NO	10	N. C., N. C. R., J. &J.	51
Ark. 7s, M.,O.& R.R.	10	N. C., N. C. R., A.&O.	51
Ark. 7s, Ark. Cen. R.	10	N. C. Fund. Act, '66.	9
Connecticut 6s	108	N. C. Fund. Act, '68.	8
Georgia 6s	92	N. C. new bs., J. & J.	7
Ga. 7s, new bonds	103	N. C. new bs., A. & O.	7
Ga. 7s, indorsed	100	N. C. Sp. T., class 1	3
Indiana 5s	104	Ohio 6s, '75	100
Ill. coup. 6s, 1877	104	Ohio 6s, '81	103
Ill. coup. 6s, 1879	104	Ohio 6s, '86	105
Illinois War Loan	104	Rhode Island 6s	108
Kentucky 6s	104	South Carolina 6s	35
Louisiana 6s	40	S. C. 6s, Jan. & July.	34
La. 6s, new bonds	40	S. C. 6s, A. & O.	34
La. 6s, n. Fl't'g Debt.	40	S. C. Fund. Act, '66.	34
La. 7s, Penitentiary	40	S. C. L. C. '89, J. & J.	34
La. 6s, levee bonds	40	S. C. 7s of '88	35
La. 8s of 1875	40	S. C. Non-fund. bs.	4¾
Mich. 6s, 1878-9	104	Tennessee 6s, old	40⅝
Michigan 6s, 1883	108	Tennessee 6s, new bs.	37¾
Michigan 7s, 1890	108	Tenn. 6s, new series.	37¾
Mo. 6s, due in 1876	101¾	Texas 10s of '76	100
Mo. 6s, due in 1877	102	Virginia 6s, old	37
Mo. 6s, due in 1878	102	Va. 6s, new bs., '66.	37½
Mo. 6s, due in 1879	102	Va. 6s, new bs., '67.	37½
Mo. 6s, due in 1880	102	Va. 6s, Cons. bs.	76
Fund. Bs., due '94-5	102½	Va. 6s, ex mat. coup.	70½
L.Bs., due '81 to '91 In.	102½	Va. 6s, Cons., 2d ser.	46
L. bs. due '81 to '87	102⅜	D. of C. 3.65s, 1924	67¾
N. Y. Reg. B'y Loan	103		

And the following for railway mortgages:

Alb. & Sus. 3d bds	101	Cedar Falls & M.1st.	83
Bos., H. & Erie 1st	18½	M. So.7 per cent. 2d.	101⅛
Bos., H.& Erie 1st, G.	18¼	M. So. N. I.S.F.7 p. c.	105⅜
Bur., C.R.&M. 1st 7s G	34	Cleve. & Tol. S. F.	107
Ches. & O. 6s, 1st	25	Cleve. & Tol. N.bds.	102
Ches. & O. 5s, 1st, ex C.	20	C.,P. & A. old bds.	104
Chic. & Alton 1st	114½	C., P. & A. new bds.	102
Chic., R.I.&P. 1st, 7s.	111	Buf. & Erie new bds.	101
Chic., R. I. & P. S. F. Inc., 6s, '95	99½	B. & S. Line 7s	103
Cen.R. of N. J. 1st, N.	115	Lake Shore Div. bds.	102½
Cen. R. of N.J., 1st, C.	111	L. S. Con. Coup. 1st.	104
Cen. R. of N. J., Con.	105¾	L. S. Con. Reg. 2d	94
Lehigh & W.Con., G.	94½	Mar. & Cin. 1st	106
Am. Dock & Im. bds.	103½	M..C. Con. 7s, 1902	101⅜
M.& St.P.1st, 8s, P.D.	115	N. Y. Central 6s, '83.	102
M.&St.P.2d, 7 3-10 P.D	95	N. Y. Central 6s, '87.	101
M.&St.P.1st, 7s G.R.D	92½	N. Y. C. 6s, R. E.	100
M.&St.P.1st, La C.D.	98	N. Y. C. 6s, Sub.	100
M.&St.P.1st, I.&M.D	85	N. Y. C. & H. 1st, C.	124¼
M.&St.P. 1st, I.& D.	80	Har. 1st, 7s, Coup.	115
M.&St.P.1st, H.& D.	81	Har. 1st, 7s, Reg.	114
M.&St.P.1st.M.C.&M	90⅛	North Mo. 1st	88
M. & St.P. Con. S. F.	81⅝	O. & M. C. S. Fund.	94½
M. & St. P. 2d	87	O. & M. 2d Con	68
Chic. & N. W. S. F.	105	O. & M. 1st, S. Div.	25
C. & N. W. Int. bds.	100	Cent. Pac. Gold bds.	107
C. & N. W. Con. bds.	98	Cen. Pac. San J. B.	90
C. & N. W. Ex. bds.	90	C. P. C. & O. 1st.	92¾
Chic. & N. W. 1st	101½	C. P. Land G'nt bds.	91
C. & N. W.C. G.bds.	85	Union Pac. 1st bds.	105
Galena & Chic.Ex'd.	105¾	U. P. Land G'ts 7s.	100¾
Peninsula 1st, Con	98	U. P. Sink Fund	92½
Chic. & Mil. 1st	102	P. Ft. W. & C. 1st.	117½
Winona & St. P. 1st.	79	C. & Pitts. 4th S. F.	103
Winona & St. P. 2d.	55	C., C. & Ind. 1st.	44
C.,C.,C.&I.1st7s,S.F.	105¾	C., C. & Ind. 2d.	15
C.,C.,C.& I. Con. bds.	95¾	St. L. & I. M. 1st.	94
Del., L. & West 2d.	114	St. L. & I. M. 2d.	56
Morris & Essex 2d.	110½	Alt. & Terre H. 1st.	109½
M. & E. Construct'n.	103	Alt. & T. H. 2d Pf.	86
Erie 1st, Extended.	104	Tol., P. & War. 2d.	34½
Erie 3d 7s, 1883	95	Tol. & Wab. 1st Ex.	80¼
Erie 4th 7s, 1880	95	T. & W.1st, St. L. D.	59
Erie 5th 7s, 1888	93	Tol. & Wab. 2d	52
Long Dock bds	101½	Han. & Naples 1st.	29
Buf., N.Y.&E.1st,'77.	90	Great W. 1st, '88.	79½
H. & St. Jo. 8s, Con.	79	Great W. 2d, '93.	52
D. & Sioux City 1st.	106½	Laf., Bl'n & M. 1st.	61
		Han. & Cen. Mo. 1st.	70

And the following for City bank shares to-day:

America	153	Gold Exchange	120
American Exchange	115	Import. & Traders'	197½
Butch. & Drovers'	138	Manhattan	151
Central National	x98½	Merchants'	119
City	300	New-York	133
Commerce	122½	Ninth National	82
First National	200	Phenix	96¾
Fourth National	96	Union	130

PHILADELPHIA STOCK PRICES—DEC. 24.

Telegraphed to Messrs. Randolph, Bickley & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
City 6s, New	105½	105⅝
Camden and Amboy Railroad	134	134⅛
Pennsylvania Railroad	51½	51⅝
Philadelphia and Reading Railroad	54⅞	55
Lehigh Valley Railroad	61¾	61⅞
Catawissa Railroad Preferred	43½	44
Philadelphia and Erie Railroad	19¾	19⅞
Northern Central Railroad	34½	35
Lehigh Navigation	49⅜	49½
Lehigh Navigation, Gold Loan	104	104⅛

The Citizens' Savings Bank has declared its thirty-first dividend, at the rate of *Six ₱ cent.* per annum, payable on and after Jan. 21.

The Merchants' National Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of *Four ₱ cent.*, payable Jan. 3.

The Fourth National Bank has declared its twenty-fourth dividend, a semi-annual one of *Four ₱ cent.*, free of tax, payable Jan. 3 and thereafter.

The Bank of the Metropolis has declared a dividend of *Three and a half ₱ cent.*, free of tax, payable Jan. 3.

The East River Savings Institution has declared its fifty-fifth semi-annual dividend, at the rate of *Six ₱ cent.* per annum, payable on and after Jan. 11.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Friday, Dec. 24, 1875.

Trade in Live Stock on this forenoon was both slow and small on moderate arrivals. When the markets closed the herds to hand had not been sold off, although some of them had been held over from the previous Wednesday. Quality ranged from extremely poor to fair. At Sixtieth Street Yards Beeves sold at 9c.@12¾c. ₱ ℔., weights 6 to 8¼ cwt. At Harsimus Cove prices were 6c.@11c ₱ ℔., weights 4 to 7¼ cwt. From 55 to 58 ℔. has been allowed net. Milch Cows, Calves included, sold at $45@$65 ₱ head. Smooth quality Veals not quoted. Grass Calves slow at $7@$8 ₱ head. Sheep in moderate demand at 5c.@7c. ₱ ℔. Lambs not quoted. No Live Hogs on sale. City Dressed opened weak on an inactive market, at 8⅝c.@9c. ₱ ℔.; general sales at 9c. ₱ ℔.

SALES.

At Sixtieth Street Yards—T. C. Eastman sold for self 68 generally common Illinois Steers at 9c.@11c. ₱ ℔., weight 6¾ cwt., scant; 34 Illinois Steers, from poor to fair, from 9c.@11c. ₱ ℔., weight 6¾ cwt.; 68 coarse Illinois Steers at 9½c.@10½c. ₱ ℔., weight, 7 cwt., scant; 38 coarse Illinois Steers at 10c.@10½c. ₱ ℔., weight 7½ cwt.; 13 good Illinois Steers at 12½c. ₱ ℔., weight 8¼ cwt.; held on sale for J. D. Gillett, 17 choice quality Illinois Steers; sold for A. Mann 13 good Illinois Steers at 12¼c. ₱ ℔., with $10 on the lot, weight 8 cwt., scant; 43 Illinois Steers, from fair to choice, at 11c.@12¾c. ₱ ℔.; held on sale 33 Illinois Steers. Ulery & Cary sold for Goff Bros. 32 common Kentucky Steers at 10c.@10½c. ₱ ℔., weight 7 cwt., strong; 48 Kentucky Steers, from common to fair, from 10¼c.@11¼c. ₱ ℔., weight 7½ cwt. T. Wheeler sold for A. N. Monroe 49 common Illinois Steers at 9¼c. ₱ ℔., weight 6 cwt., strong. Burchard & Merritt held on sale 98 head of horned Cattle. C. Fagan sold for B. W. Clark 34 poor Ohio Steers at 9c. ₱ ℔., with $1 on ₱ head, weight 6½ cwt.; 16 poor Illinois Steers at 9c. ₱ ℔., weight 6 cwt.; 18 common Illinois Steers at 10¼c. ₱ ℔., weight 6¾ cwt.; held on sale 17 Illinois Steers. W. Siegel sold for self 16 Illinois Oxen at 10c. ₱ ℔., weight 8 cwt.; held on sale 93 Illinois Steers. Hume & Elliott sold 235 Indiana Sheep, weight 17,930 ℔., at 5c. ₱ ℔.; 99 Indiana Sheep, weight 8,940 ℔., at 5¼c. ₱ ℔.; 186 Indiana Sheep, weight 16,420 ℔., at 5⅝c. ₱ ℔.

At Forty-eighth Street Sheep Market—Hume & Elliott sold 30 grass Calves at $7 ₱ head, 28 grass Calves at $8 ₱ head. S. McGraw sold 1 Cow and Calf for $65. J. Kirby sold 223 Ohio Sheep, weight 17,900 ℔., at 5½c. ₱ ℔.; 96 Ohio Sheep, weight 9,260 ℔., at 6½c. ₱ ℔.; 136 Ohio Sheep, weight 14,810 ℔., at 6⅞c. ₱ ℔.; 24 Ohio Sheep, weight 2,610 ℔., at 7c. ₱ ℔.

At Harsimus Cove—Coney & McPherson sold for J. Enoch, 63 generally fair Ohio Steers at 10c.@11c. ₱ ℔., weight 7½ cwt.; for M. B. Doty, 33 common Illinois Steers at 9½c.@10c. ₱ ℔., weight 6½ cwt.; for A. Musser, 67 Ohio Steers, from common to fair, from 10c.@11c. ₱ ℔., weight 7¼ cwt. B. Westheimer sold for Rankin & Co., 93 poor Illinois Steers at 9c. ₱ ℔., weight 5½ cwt.; for G. Williams, 33 Ohio Steers, from poor to common, from 9c.@10¼c. ₱ ℔., weight 6½ cwt.; for J. Reynolds, 66 Cherokee Steers at 6c. ₱ ℔., weight 4 cwt.; for Christee & Sparrow, 35 poor Indiana Steers at 9c. ₱ ℔., weight 6½ cwt. M. Goldschmidt sold for Klopfer & Co. 17 common Missouri Steers at 10c. ₱ ℔., weight 7 cwt.; 38 coarse Missouri Steers at 10½c.@10¾c. ₱ ℔., weight 7½ cwt.; held on sale, 32 Indiana Steers. Judd & Buckingham sold 160 Kentucky Sheep, weight 15,270 ℔., at 5½c. ₱ ℔. Kase & Pidcock sold 756 Indiana Sheep, weight 65,920 ℔., at 5¼c. ₱ ℔.; 376 Illinois Sheep, weight 33,430 ℔., at 5½c. ₱ ℔. The Christmas show of dressed meats for this year has been, despite the depressed condition of the trade, unusually good. The firm of Toby & Booth, corner of Forty-second street and Tenth avenue, dealers in hogs and cut-meats, have annually the largest and best show in this City. Their market is decorated after the English fashion, and fat sirloins and comely pigs in long rows hang surrounded by evergreens and artificial roses cut from colored roots. In Centre Market, T. Lawrence and the Jonsen Bros. have well-supplied stalls of choice quality Christmas meats. E. M. Van Buren, of Washington Market, makes, among many others, a fine show of first quality beef, while in West Washington Market the firm of Snowdon & McConville have the most select show of the season.

RECEIPTS.

Fresh arrivals for yesterday and to-day at Sixtieth Street Yards—826 head of horned Cattle, 19 Calves, 2,589 Sheep and Lambs.

Fresh arrivals for yesterday and to-day at Forty-eighth Street Sheep Market—980 Sheep and Lambs, 56 Calves.

Fresh arrivals for yesterday and to-day at Fortieth Street—2,954 Hogs, 342 Sheep.

Fresh arrivals for yesterday and to-day at Harsimus Cove—1,132 head of horned Cattle, 3,124 Sheep, 2,835 Hogs.

BUFFALO, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts to-day 442 head, making the total supply for the week thus far 6,511 head, or 383 cars, of which 240 cars were through consignments, the balance on sale here, against 494 cars for the same time last week—a difference in the receipts for the week thus far of 111 cars less—and 319 cars for the same week last year; there was no market to-day; sales of only a few odds and ends to the city trade; all fresh arrivals were through consignments; 26 cars were held for shipment to-morrow for Monday's Eastern markets; 5 cars common stock—Cows, Heifers, and thin Steers—remain unsold. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts to-day 1,400 head, making the total supply for the week thus far 18,200 head, against 21,200 head for the same time last week, and 13,100 head for the same week last year; the market opened dull and very slow this morning; the quality of offerings was only fair; the demand was light; only about five cars were disposed of, mostly common quality, leaving 7 cars in the yards unsold, of fair to medium quality; the prices ruled at the weak opening quotations of the week; best quality offerings fully ⅛c. off, and medium to common stock ¼c.@⅜c. off on some lots; sales of Ohio Sheep, averaging 106 ℔. at $5 35; Indiana Sheep, ranging from 87 to 91 ℔., at $4 37½; Michigan Sheep, ranging from 70 to 72 ℔. at $4; Michigan Sheep and Lambs averaging 81 ℔. at $4 62½; Canada Sheep and Lambs averaging 146 ℔., at $6 75; 102 ℔. at $6 25. Hogs—Receipts to-day, 2,800 head, making the total supply for the week thus far 25,800 head, against 19,000 head for the same time last week, and 13,200 head for the same week last year. The market was more active, with a better demand; about 2,300 head changed hands, the majority Yorkers, there being no lots of good straight heavy Hogs on sale, those disposed of being selected from lots of mixed Yorkers and heavy Hogs; quoted to-day, Yorkers $6 65@$6 80; one car of extra selected at $6 90; heavy Hogs, $6 75@$6 90. Cows—Receipts for the week number ninety cars of dry Cows, the majority of them of common quality and in light demand; some lots, however, of fine straight fat Heifers found ready sale; quoted by car lots; common to best at $3 10@$4 75; fully 5 cars common quality still remain unsold; about 50 head, all kinds of Dairy Cows, only on sale; demand light; prices ranged from $20@45 ₱ head. Calves—Only a limited number of Veals offered this week; about 40 head, all kinds, mostly coarse grassers, found ready sale at about $10 ₱ head; a few head of good milk-fed Veals found ready sale at $6 ₱ cwt.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000 head; market very dull and prices unchanged; shipments, 1,000 head. Hogs—Receipts, 800 head; market steady and firm at the opening, but closed rather dull and 5c. lower; sales of Packers mostly at $6 75; Bacon grades, $6 75@$7, mostly at $6 75; Eastern grades mostly at $6 85@$7 25; shipments, 26 head. Sheep—Receipts, 1,500 head; market very dull at the decline of ⅛c.@½c. sustained late yesterday; sales of common at $3@$3 50; fair to medium, $4@$5; choice, $5 25@$5 75.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Clover-seed meets a steady demand at 12c.@12½. Flax-seed is worth $1 60@$1 65, and Red-top sells at $3 60. Petroleum nominal at 12⅜c. for Refined and 10⅛c. for Crude. Flour dull and offerings liberal; sales of 600 bbls., including Superfine, at $4@$4 60 Extra at $5@$5 25; Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota family at $5 75@$6 50; Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Ohio do. at $5 75@$6 75, and high grades $7@$8 50. Rye Flour, $5 12½. Corn-meal quoted at $3 50 for Brandywine. Wheat dull; Pennsylvania Red, $1 38@$1 39; Amber, $1 40; Western, sprouted, $1@$1 07; do. good, $1 10@$1 20. Rye, 90c. for Pennsylvania. Corn quiet and weak; new Yellow, 58c.@60c.; old do., 69c.@70c. Oats rather quiet; White, 48c.@52c.; Mixed, 46c. Provisions quiet but steady; Mess Pork, $22; Beef Hams, $20@$22; Smoked Hams, 15c.@15½c.; do. Sides, 12½c.@13½c. Pickled Hams, 12c.@12½c.; do. Shoulders, 8c.@8¼c. Lard, 13c.@13½c. Whisky, $1 15 for Western. Butter—Market barely steady; New-York and Bradford County extras, 33c.@34c.; do., do. firsts, 28c.@31c.; Western extras, 28c.@29c.; do., firsts, 25c.@26c. Cheese—Choice stock firm; New-York fancy, 13¾c.; do. prime, 12¾c.@13¼c.; Western fine, 12½c.@13c. Eggs—Market weak, supply light; Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, and Delaware fresh, 31c.; Western do., 29c.@30c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Flour dull, unchanged. Wheat dull, lower to sell; No. 2 Red Fall, $1 40, bid, cash; sales at $1 48 February; No. 3 do., $1 25½, bid. Corn dull and lower at 39c.@39½, bid, cash; 39¾c.@40⅛c. December. Oats dull and drooping; No. 2, 34c., cash; 33c., bid, for fresh. Rye quiet, unchanged; No. 2, 67c. Barley dull; choice Minnesota, $1 25. Pork dull; nominally $19 75. Lard quiet, unchanged. Bulk Meats dull; Shoulders, 7c.; Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 10c. and 10¼c., car-lots; large sales could not be made at the quotations. Green Meats nominal; Shoulders, 6¾c.; Sides and Hams, 9¾c.@10c. and 10¼c. Bacon lower; Shoulders, 9¼c.; Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 11¾c. and 12c. Whisky quiet; unchanged at $1 11. Hogs—Receipts light, active, firm, and higher for best grades; shipping, $6 15@$6 40; good to choice, $6 50@$6 75; extra, $6 80@$6 85. Cattle entirely nominal; only a local demand, and that light. Receipts—3,000 bbls. Flour, 13,000 bushels Wheat, 66,000 bushels Corn, 5,000 bushels Oats, 3,000 bushels Barley, 1,500 head Hogs, 128 head Cattle.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Flour dull and nominal. Wheat irregular but in the main lower; No. 2 Chicago Spring, 95¾c. bid spot; 96¼c. January; 97¼c. February; No. 3 do., 78c.; Rejected do., 64c.@65c. Corn—Demand light, holders firm; No. 2, 48c. spot; 43½c. January; 43c. February. Oats quiet, unchanged. Rye steady, unchanged. Barley in fair demand and lower at 82c.@83c. spot; 81½c. December; 80c. February. Dressed Hogs dull at $7 50@$7 75. Pork generally unchanged, but some sales rather lower; $19 05 spot; $19 30@$19 32½ February. Lard quiet and weak at $12 17½@$12 20 spot; $12 37½@$12 40, February. Bulk Meats steady. Whisky, $1 09½ bid, $1 10 asked; sales at $1 09½. Receipts—10,000 bbls. Flour, 53,000 bushels Wheat, 67,000 bushels Corn, 22,000 bushels Oats, 2,000 bushels Rye, 10,000 bushels Barley. Shipments—8,000 bbls. Flour, 22,000 bushels Wheat, 44,000 bushels Corn, 13,000 bushels Oats, 390 bushels Rye, 8,000 bushels Barley. There was no afternoon call of the board to-day. The Board of Trade will hold no more afternoon sessions until Jan. 2.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Sugar steady; common, 5½c.@6c.; Low, fair to fully fair, 6¼c.@7c.; prime, 7½c.@7¼c.; choice, 7½c. Molasses firm at 30c.@35c. for common, 40c.@42c. for fair, 43c.@45c. for prime, 48c.@51c. for strictly prime, and 53c.@54c. for choice. Flour quiet; Superfine, $4; Double Extra, $4 25; Treble, $4 50@$5 75; choice, $6@$6 50. Corn quiet at 53c.@56c. Oats quiet at 47c.@50c. Bran dull at 90c. Hay dull; choice, $25. Pork dull; quoted at $21 50. Bacon—no Shoulders; Sides, 13c.@13½c. Hams easier; choice Sugar-cured, 16¾c.@17½c. Lard dull; Tierce, Packers', 12½c.; Refined, 13¼c.; Keg, 13¾c. Dry-salted Meats dull and lower, on account of the warm weather; shoulders, 8½c.; Sides, 10¼c.@10¾c. Coffee dull; ordinary to prime, 17¼c.@20¾c. Whisky, $1 13@$1 15. Exchange—New-York Sight, ¼ discount; Sterling, $5 41½@$5 42½ for Commercial; $5 46½@$5 47 for Bank; Gold, 113.

OSWEGO, Dec. 24.—Flour unchanged; sales, 1,200 bbls. Wheat steady; No. 1 Milwaukee Club, $1 38. Corn quiet at 70c. Barley steady but quiet; No. 1 Canada held at $1 23@$1 25; No. 2 Bay at $1 16, and No. 2 Canada at $1 10. Corn-meal, $30 for bolted and $29 for unbolted, ₱ ton. Mill-feed—Shorts, $17@$18 50; Shipstuffs, $19@$21; Middlings, $25@$27.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—Flour dull. Wheat dull at $1 28@$1 50. Corn quiet but steady at 47c.@49c. Oats easier at 35c.@43c. Barley dull and nominal. Rye nominally unchanged. Pork quiet but steady at $19 75@$20, spot; $21, buyer March. Lard dull at $12 31¼@$12 37½; Kettle, $13@$13 25. Bulk Meats steady with a moderate demand; sales of Short Rib Middles at 10¼c.; Long-cut Hams at 11c., boxed. Bacon—Only a limited jobbing demand. Green Meats quiet but firm. Hogs quiet but firm; common Light, $6 25@$6 60; fair to good Packing, $6 75@$6 90; choice Heavy, $7@$7 10; receipts, 12,000 head; shipments, 344 head. Whisky quiet but steady at $1 11. Butter steady and unchanged.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Flour—Demand quite limited; sales Western Supers, $4 25@$4 75; common Extras, $5@$5 75; Wisconsin Extras, $5 50@$6 25; Minnesota Extras, $5 50@$6 75; Winter Wheat Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, $6@$7 25; Illinois, $6 25@$8 50; St. Louis, $7@$9; fancy Minnesota, $7 75@$9 25; Southern quiet at $5@$9 for common Extras and choice family. Corn dull at 66c.@69c. for Mixed and Yellow. Oats—45c.@50c. for Mixed and No. 2 White, 41c.@44c. for Rejected, and 53c.@57c. for No. 1 White. Rye, 95c.@$1. Shorts, $19@$20; Fine Feed, $20@$21; Middlings, $22@$23. Receipts—3,213 bbls. Flour, 17,200 bushels Corn, 3,600 bushels Wheat, 3,500 bushels Oats, 7,078 bushels Shorts, 2,200 bushels Barley.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24.—Flour dull but unchanged. Wheat, steady; No. 1 Milwaukee, $1 04½; hard do., $1 10½; No. 2 do., 98c.; January, 98⅝c.; seller February, $1 00⅛; No. 3, 82c. Corn dull and easier; No. 2, 53c. Oats quiet but steady; No. 2, 32c. Barley strong and higher; No. 2 Spring, 99½c.; No. 3 do., 60c. Rye steady, with a fair demand; No. 1, 70c. Provisions quiet; entirely nominal. Mess Pork, $19. Prime Lard, 12¼c.@12¾c. Sweet Pickled Hams, 10¾c.@11c. Dry Salted Shoulders, 6¾c., loose; Middles, 9⅞c.@10⅜c., boxed. Dressed Hogs dull and lower, at $7 75. Receipts—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; Wheat, 108,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; Wheat, 21,000 bushels.

BUFFALO, Dec. 24.—Receipts—Flour, 5,400 bbls.; Wheat, 12,000 bushels; Corn, 23,000 bushels; Oats, 17,000 bushels; Barley, 21,000 bushels; Rye, 400 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 5,400 bbls.; Wheat, 50,000 bushels; Corn, 52,000 bushels; Oats, 24,000 bushels; Barley, 10,000 bushels; Rye, 400 bushels. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat without vitality. Corn dull; sales 3 cars damp new at 50c.; asking 62c. for No. 2 Old Mixed Western, Oats nominally 79c. for Milwaukee. Barley quiet; sales of 4 cars Canadian at 95c. on the track. Pork dull at $20 75. Lard dull at 13c. Highwines nominally $1 13.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 24.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet but steady, at $1 05@$1 10. Corn firm and unchanged. Oats and Rye quiet and unchanged. Provisions firm and unchanged. Pork, $21 50. Bulk Meats—Shoulders, 7½c.; Clear Rib Sides, 10½c.; Clear Sides, 10⅞c., fully cured, loose. Bacon—Clear Rib Sides, 13c. for Packed. Hams—Sugar-cured, 15c.@15½c. Lard—Tierce, 14¼c.; Keg, 14¾c.@15c. Whisky quiet and unchanged at $1 11. Bagging quiet and unchanged.

TOLEDO, Dec. 24.—Flour dull. Wheat dull; extra White Michigan, $1 36; Amber Michigan, $1 18½, spot; January, $1 19; February, $1 21½; No. 2 Amber Michigan, $1 01, January; No. 3 Red, $1 01@$1 04; rejected Red, 91c. Corn dull; high Mixed, 55c.; do. new, 49c.; seller December, 49½c.; no grade new, 43c.; damaged new, 41¼c. Oats dull and nominal. Receipts—Wheat, 13,000 bushels; Corn, 32,000 bushels; Oats, 1,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 160 barrels; Wheat, 6,000 bushels; Corn, 20,000 bushels; Oats, 9,000 bushels.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 24.—Spirits Turpentine steady at 34c. Resin steady at $1 42½ for Strained. Tar steady at $1 60.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 24.—Cotton dull; Middling, 12¾c.; Low Middling, 12¼c.; Good Ordinary, 11⅝c.; net receipts, 5,182 bales; exports to France, 1,627 bales; to the Continent, 500 bales; coastwise, 1,255 bales; sales, 1,377 bales; stock, 97,003 bales. Weekly—Net receipts, 28,780 bales; gross, 29,030 bales; exports to Great Britain, 6,281 bales; to France, 1,627 bales; to the Continent, 10,659 bales; coastwise, 5,822 bales; sales, 8,858 bales.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Cotton unchanged; Middling, 12½c.; Low Middling, 11¾c.; Good Ordinary, 10¾c.; net receipts, 4,998 bales; gross, 5,304 bales; exports to Great Britain, 4,980 bales; to France, 2,814 bales; coastwise, 233 bales; sales, 8,000 bales; stock, 233,497 bales. Weekly—Net receipts, 59,619 bales; gross, 67,090 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 28,836 bales; to France, 10,498 bales; to the Continent, 11,009 bales; coastwise, 5,697 bales; sales, 49,100 bales. Correction—Exports to Great Britain on the 17th inst. should have been 1,732 bales.

MOBILE, Dec. 24.—Cotton unchanged; Middling, 12¼c.; Low Middling, 11½c.@11⅝c.; Good Ordinary, 10⅝c.@10¾c.; net receipts, 2,998 bales; gross, 3,006 bales; exports, to France, 1,705 bales; coastwise, 1,671 bales; sales, 2,000 bales; stock, 71,258 bales. Weekly—Net receipts, 19,143 bales; gross, 19,151 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 3,610 bales; to France, 1,705 bales; to the Continent, 4,025 bales; coastwise, 5,087 bales; sales, 13,900 bales.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 24.—Cotton steady; fair demand; Middling, 12⅞c.; Low Middling, 12⅜c.@12½c.; Good Ordinary, 11½c.; net receipts, 4,767 bales; exports to Great Britain, 2,488 bales; sales, 1,800 bales; stock, 64,499 bales. Weekly—Net receipts, 22,768 bales; exports to Great Britain, 13,630 bales; to the Continent, 3,845 bales; coastwise, 4,749 bales; sales, 10,900 bales.

GALVESTON, Dec. 24.—Cotton quiet; Middling, 12⅝c.; Low Middling, 12⅛c.; Good Ordinary, 11¼c.; net receipts, 1,050 bales; gross, 1,132 bales; exports to Great Britain, 4,667 bales; sales, 2,032 bales; stock, 86,954 bales. Weekly—Net receipts, 20,163 bales; gross, 20,300 bales; exports to Great Britain, 4,667 bales; coastwise, 8,743 bales; sales, 14,334 bales.

PRINTING CLOTHS MARKET.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 24.—Printing Cloths held at 4⅜c., 30 days, for best Standard 64x64, with unimportant sales.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 24—12:30 P. M.—United States Bonds, 1867s, 107; new Fives, 105. Erie Railway Shares, 13¾.

2 P. M.—Paris advices quote Rentes 65f. 90c.

3:30 P. M.—The amount of Bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day is £155,000; the rate of discount in the open market for three months' bills is 2⅝@2¾ ₱ cent., which is ⅜@¼ ₱ cent. below the Bank of England rate. Consols, 93 15-16 for both money and the account.

5 P. M.—Consols, 94 1-16 for both money and the account. Erie Railway Shares, 13⅞.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24—12:30 P. M.—Cotton—The market is quiet and unchanged; Middling Uplands, 6 15-16d.; Middling Orleans, 7 3-16d.; sales, 8,000 bales, including 1,000 bales for speculation and export. Weekly—Sales of the week, 53,000 bales, of which 4,000 bales were taken for export and 5,000 bales on speculation; total stock in port, 554,000 bales, of which 230,000 bales are American; total import, 138,000 bales, of which 100,000 bales were American; actual export, 8,000 bales; amount of Cotton at sea, 374,000 bales, of which 296,000 bales are American; forwarded from the ship's side direct to spinners, 13,000 bales; American sales of the week, 28,000 bales. Cotton to arrive steady; there have been no transactions. The receipts of Cotton to-day were 11,400 bales, of which 10,900 bales are American. There is no market for Breadstuffs to-day. The receipts of Wheat for the past three days have been 29,000 quarters, of which 17,000 quarters were American.

2 P. M.—Cotton—Sales of Middling Orleans, Low Middling clause, shipped January and February, (per sail,) at 6 15-16d. Provisions—Bacon 53s. ₱ cwt. for Short Clear Middles.

3:30 P. M.—Cotton—Of the sales to-day 4,800 bales were American. Sales of Middling Uplands, Low Middling clause, shipped November, (per sail,) at 6 13-16d.; do., do., shipped December and January, at 6 13-16d.

6:30 P. M.—Trade Report—The market for Yarns and Fabrics at Manchester is dull, but not quotably lower.

LONDON, Dec. 24—5 P. M.—Produce—Refined Petroleum 12½d. ₱ gallon.

Evening—Linseed-oil, 24s. 9d. ₱ cwt.

BUSINESS OF BUFFALO.

The Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* prints elaborate and comprehensive tables showing the receipts of flour, grain, and miscellaneous articles at that port by lake during the navigation season of 1875; also the receipts of breadstuffs for the past forty years. Navigation did not open there last Spring until May 12, or twenty-four days later than in 1874, and the heavy shipments from the West closed several days earlier this Fall than usual. Indeed, the season just closed was considerably shorter than the average, a fact which fully accounts for the falling off in the receipts. Following is its comparative statement of the imports of flour and grain by lake for the past four years, the receipts by the Grand Trunk being included in the figures given for 1872 and 1873:

	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Barrels.	Barrels.
Flour	769,368	1,092,713	1,371,991	1,026,862
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Wheat	14,083,080	29,653,243	28,529,899	30,489,460
Corn	35,077,269	27,930,264	22,392,856	17,408,417
Oats	5,035,558	5,858,374	4,166,934	4,551,005
Barley	3,148,282	1,168,332	489,933	239,319
Rye	301,858	823,249	77,576	138,319
Peas	57,679	65,293	8,000	6,831
Total	58,703,666	65,498,955	55,665,198	52,833,351
Flour to bu.	3,846,840	5,463,565	6,859,955	5,134,310
Grand total	62,550,506	70,962,520	62,525,153	57,967,661

Following are the aggregate receipts by decades:

Decades.	Grain, bushels.	Grain, including Flour, bus.
1836 to 1845, inclusive—10 yrs.	14,368,908	41,851,483
1846 to 1855, inclusive—10 yrs.	113,766,005	174,717,437
1856 to 1865, inclusive—10 yrs.	344,213,324	442,390,318
1866 to 1875, inclusive—10 yrs.	507,157,199	571,255,254
1836 to 1875, inclusive—40 yrs.	979,505,436	1,230,214,492

The *Commercial* comments: "Altogether the season now closed has been far from satisfactory. Few persons have made money in handling grain, and if the trade, as a whole, does not show a loss when the balances are struck, it will be as much as we expect. But this has been a 'cut-throat' year from beginning to end. The ascertained fact that, despite the desperate efforts which have been made by competing routes, so small a loss of business is shown, even if little or no profit has been made out of it, affords some ground for consolation."

A CATHOLIC FUND.

The Chicago *Tribune* comments thus: "The Catholic churches of California will not need any 'slice of the school fund' for a little while to come, for they have just got a judgment against Mexico for nearly a million dollars now and something more every year forever. Late in the seventeenth century the Jesuits raised what was known as the Pious Fund, for the conversion of the heathen of California—Upper and Lower. In 1767 the Society of Jesus was expelled from Spain and its property confiscated. The Pious Fund was administered as a trust by Spain and Mexico, and finally by Mexico alone. Politicians used to live on it, until Santa Anna covered it into the National Treasury in 1842, and agreed to pay six per cent. interest on it to the California churches. It had then been so depleted by fraud that it amounted to only $1,500,000. When Upper California was ceded to the United States Mexico stopped paying their share of the interest to the Catholic churches in the ceded diocese. The diocesan authorities soon brought the suit that has just been decided. The claim was submitted to the Mixed Commission now sitting at Washington, which disagreed and referred the matter to the arbitration of Sir Edward Thornton, the British Minister at Washington. He has found that the California claimants are in the right, and the Republic of Mexico is therefore adjudged to pay over $900,000 cash and a certain annual sum forever hereafter."

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NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, DEC. 25, 1875.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—THE POSTILLION OF LONJUMEAU, (German Opera)—Mr. Theodore Wachtel.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—ROSE MICHEL—Mr. C. R. Thorne, Jr., Mr. John Parselle, Miss Rose Eytinge. Matinée.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—PIQUE—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. D. H. Harkins, Miss Fanny Davenport. Matinée.

COLOSSEUM.—GRAND SPECTACLE DIORAMA of the Prussian Siege of Paris. Afternoon and evening.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—CASTE.—Mr. Harry Beckett, Mr. H. J. Montague, Miss Effie Germon. Matinee.

PARK THEATRE.—CRUCIBLE—Mr. A. O. Hall, Mr. C. T. Parsloe, Mr. J. W. Brutone, Miss Constance Leigh. Matinée.

BROOKLYN THEATRE.—HENRY V.—Mr. George Rignold, Mr. C. B. Bishop, Miss M. Brabrook. Matinee.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—THE CONNIE SOOGAH—Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams. Matinée.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—SERAPHINE, (French drama.)

EAGLE THEATRE.—SONGS, DANCES, DRAMA, FARCE—Mr. Josh Hart. Matinée.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—VAUDEVILLE AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT. Matinée at 2.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—(Three performances)—GREGORY JUMPER—ARKANSAS TRAVELER—Curiosities.

TONY PASTOR'S NEW THEATRE.—NOVELTY AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT—Tony Pastor. Matinée.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.—BURLESQUE, SONGS, and NEGRO COMICALITIES. Matinee.

PARISIAN VARIETIES.—VAUDEVILLE AND NOVELTY ENTERTAINMENT. Matinée.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL by Tony Pastor's Company.

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We have no doubt that TWEED would find life in Havana much more agreeable than life in Ludlow Street Jail, or even on his "island residence." But we still think that, wherever he is, he made a great mistake in running away. His lawyers were not half sharp enough. What he ought to have done was to bring an action for libel against THE TIMES newspaper, or to go before a "highly respectable" Grand Jury and apply for an indictment against us. That is what all his understrappers are doing, and why should the "Boss" himself be bashful? Grand Juries are very accommodating, and it costs little or nothing to enter notice of a libel suit. We strongly recommend TWEED to think the matter over. We can mention several lawyers to him who will be only too happy to bring suits against us; for the tide of public opinion—as is generally supposed—has completely turned. *We* are the true culprits for bringing the misdeeds of the Tammany Ring to light. Now is the time for TWEED to "go for us," to use the language of the Ring. To be sure, he might not win his suits, but while they are pending would he not be fully "vindicated"? Why has not Mr. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD thought of that?

Nothing more prejudicial to the discipline and efficiency of the Police force can well be imagined than the rumors which are kept so persistently in circulation about the intention of the Mayor to attempt the removal of the Police Commissioners. So far as can be ascertained, the Mayor himself is chiefly responsible for these rumors, and if such be the fact, it is creditable neither to his good sense nor to his ideas of official dignity. It is a long time since the Mayor had before him the whole case against the Police Commissioners, and it was his obvious duty to have ere now taken some action upon it. If he thought there were good grounds for recommending the removal of the Commissioners, he should have conveyed that recommendation to the Governor. If not, the case should have been finally dismissed. No wonder that it is hard to find men of character and ability to accept public office, when the discharge of important and onerous duties is liable to constant interference from the combinations of a set of petty political schemers, and when all the ordinary forms of judicial procedure are dispensed with in passing upon the truth or falsehood of any charges of maladministration which may be made against responsible public servants.

It would be difficult to hit upon a more practical form of dispensing charity than that which the Children's Aid Society is now carrying out. It undertakes to give homeless children a good dinner every day at a cost of three cents per head. We cannot doubt that Mr. BRACE will be provided with money enough to keep his poor little wanderers from being hungry throughout this Winter. Even a contribution of fifty cents will be the means of supplying one good meal to sixteen children. There are few of our readers who cannot afford to send this sum to Mr. BRACE, at No. 19 East Fourth street. The Newsboys' Home will be looked after to-day by Mr. FLIESS, of this City, in accordance with his annual custom. Mr. JAMES GORDON BENNETT kindly provides a good dinner for the youngsters of the streets at MOQUIN'S. We hope the Five Points Mission and other benevolent societies have not been forgotten. It takes very little to make the children happy at this season of the year, and surely there is no better way of paying reverence to the sacred duties of the season, even in a city so full of kind-hearted persons as New-York.

The Municipal Commission recently appointed by Gov. TILDEN met and organized yesterday. The commission will begin its work by dividing among its members the various questions embraced in Municipal government, with a view to their separate treatment. The work must necessarily be protracted, as a thorough preparation of the details of the subject is merely a preliminary to their consideration as part of some harmonious plan. Whatever may be the success of this attempt to devise a uniform law for the government of cities, it is plain that it can have no bearing on the work of the new Legislature. That body will assemble on Tuesday, the 4th of January, and one of the first subjects which ought to engage its attention is the necessity of decreasing the cost and increasing the efficiency of our local Government. There are a great many changes which can be effected in that direction if the Legislature will only supply the authority and make suitable provision for carrying them into practice. Fortunately, the influence of Tammany Hall over the next Legislature will not be very great, so that the chief obstacle to reform is out of the way.

CHRISTMAS.

The greeting of "A Merry Christmas" may sound strangely to a good many people this morning. We have had another year of dull times, of unremunerative business, and of frequent losses. Speaking for the community at large, and of commercial interests in that collective form to which certain rules and fixed principles can be applied, we have undoubtedly passed through the worst. But after we have said all that can be said about the inevitable process of contraction to which we have had to submit, about enforced but healthy economy, and about the slow but certain recovery of the productive resources of the country, the fact still remains that the suffering of the individual members of the community is a thought likely to be more prominent in our minds this Christmas morning than the future welfare of the mass.

Still, be our lot what it may, why should the salutation of the day jar upon the feelings of any of us? "The life is more than meat, and the body than raiment." With energy and self-reliance only left him, every man can, with Sir WALTER SCOTT, back "time and I" against all the difficulties which he may foresee or apprehend. No true man was ever the worse for being compelled to try a fall with fortune. The same qualities which have made all that is enduring in our national riches and prosperity will achieve the same results again. Our chief misfortune is that in the rapid and, to a certain extent, unhealthy accumulation of what passes for wealth, we have begun to forget the old-fashioned virtues of prudence, thrift, and dauntless perseverance. Gen. SHERMAN spoke a homely but pregnant truth the other night when he reminded the complaining merchants of New-York that with a tithe of their worldly goods, the Plymouth fathers would have counted themselves rich, and that with half the economy of the Pilgrims we should have a superabundance. The foundation of our country's prosperity and progress were never laid firm and deep by men who were discouraged by temporary reverses or cast down by the necessity for hard work. Take a leaf from the struggles of any of the pioneers of what are now great and wealthy communities, and think how trivial are the misfortunes of our time, compared with the famine, the pestilence, the wearing anxiety and toil of theirs. It ought to be a Merry Christmas which finds us in possession of so fair a heritage of freedom, and of national resources so vast and various. It will be so to every one who rightly considers the possibilities of our present and the promise of our future.

But while we con that most needful of all the lessons of worldly wisdom, "to thine own self be true," let us not forget the higher and broader obligations which a faithful attention to that implies. That "none of us liveth to himself" alone, is a truth in other senses than its strictly Christian one. No position can be so isolated as to relieve its occupier from even the voluntary class of social obligations. All of us can spare something with which to gladden other hearts, even if it be only kind words. None of us ought to be bankrupt in faith and trust at least, on this new anniversary of the proclamation of the immortal message of peace and good-will. Out of such things as we are able, let us give freely, that we may fully and fairly enjoy the consciousness of having done our best to make this indeed "A Merry Christmas."

SOUTH CAROLINA.

There appears to be very little prospect of immediate relief for the over-burdened people of South Carolina. Great excitement prevails over the State in consequence of the Governor's refusal to commission the new Judges; but that such a set of men could have been chosen to judicial positions by the Legislature, is in itself a most deplorable evidence of the depth of corruption into which South Carolina politics have sunk. Of the two men, MOSES and WHIPPER, the last-named is the most notoriously unfit for the place to which he has been elected. He is illiterate, a politician of the basest sort, and possesses only one special qualification for office—his color. Even in South Carolina, where the ancient prejudices between the two races have by no means disappeared, the fact that WHIPPER is a black man is one of the very least objections brought against him by those who have opposed his elevation to the bench. On the other hand, it is obvious that he owes his prominence to the fact that he represents a large element of the colored voters. It cannot be denied that in South Carolina there is a great deal of talk about the "color line." Demagogues are ready to revive old antipathies for the purpose of securing temporary power. WHIPPER represents the "color line." And notwithstanding his notoriously bad character, he was able to climb to the bench by the aid of the General Assembly.

It is suggested that the new Judges may be indicted on charges long since brought against them. For the time being, at least, these worthies are kept out of office by Gov. CHAMBERLAIN. They were chosen to fill vacancies, which, according to the Governor's view of the State Constitution, will not occur until after the election of the next General Assembly. Therefore, the body now in session has no legal right to say who shall succeed the present incumbents. Legal proceedings may be necessary to settle this point, and in case the Governor's course shall not be approved, it is gravely proposed to indict MOSES for what is known as "the Humbert steal," and WHIPPER for an embezzlement of the sinking fund. If such charges as these have any weight at all, they should have been pressed long ago. Why they have been kept in abeyance until now, when they are to be used for the purpose of making it impossible for these men to take office, is one of the mysteries of South Carolina politics. Of course, if MOSES and WHIPPER can be lawfully sent to the penitentiary before the time arrives for them to assume the judicial ermine, they will be kept off the bench by circumstances entirely beyond their control. But the general good, we should suppose, would be served by punishing them without regard to debarring them from office.

Altogether it is a very disgusting muddle. Party politics seem to have very little to do with it. There is a general grab for all that can be snatched in the shape of money, offices, and political influence. Gov. CHAMBERLAIN, whose bold stand has filled the legislative thieves with rage and consternation, is a Republican and a Radical. The best men of his own party, as well as those of the Conservatives, stand by him with enthusiasm and confidence. But the men who secured the votes of the Legislature, as candidates for Judges, call themselves Republicans also. They have made politics a trade, and any name that is convenient for their business is readily adopted. Men like these have stolen from the Treasury of South Carolina, and have laid taxes upon the people, until the State is bankrupt and its credit is gone. At this moment, the members of the Assembly, who have just elected MOSES and WHIPPER, are grumbling because there is not money enough to pay them their *per diem*. They refuse to fix a day for their final adjournment until they see some chance of getting their "Christmas money," as they call it, and the badgered State Treasurer pitifully informs them that he can only borrow forty-five hundred dollars for the present, which will only pay them in part.

During the administration of Gov. MOSES, the financial affairs of the State were not only conducted with a wild disregard of common honesty, but the Legislature apparently afforded every opportunity for frauds upon the Treasury. Bills were audited by all sorts of irresponsible officials, and the Speaker of the Assembly had the power to issue certificates of indebtedness to an unlimited extent. It is proposed to enact a law providing that claims against the State shall only be paid on warrants issued by the Controller. This is "locking the stable-door after the horse is stolen," and it is marvelous that such an opportunity to stop thieving should have been neglected until the robbery of the State was complete. The remedy for this condition of things is not very clear. When the so-called Tax-payers' Convention, which was a non-political body, met to consider the deplorable state of the finances, a year or two ago, a corrupt clique contrived to have all the outstanding State bonds indorsed in one batch. It was charged that this was a stock-jobbing operation. At any rate, it showed that any genuine attempt at reform was utterly hopeless. If the courts, the last resort of an oppressed people, are given over to the corruptionists, there is no peaceful way out of this political quagmire.

AN UNPLEASANT VISITOR.

The earthquake is evidently becoming domesticated in our Atlantic States. Within the last few years, frequent, though feeble, quakes have been felt in Boston, Albany, New-York, and other Eastern cities, and now we hear of a combined earthquake and aerolite entertainment at Washington and Richmond, which would do credit to California in its most shaky days. Near midnight on Wednesday last, the people of Richmond were startled from their beds and their poker tables by three successive shocks of alarming violence. Eminent citizens holding "three of a kind," and in the act of "raising" their opponents with serene confidence in the future, dropped their cards, fled from the reeling table, and sought refuge in the street, trying, with trembling lips, to repeat the "now-I-lay-me" of their innocent youth, and confusing it with the more familiar petition, "gimme two cards." Respectable matrons, sleeping with the calmness which flows from the certainty that the Christmas mince-pies are all baked, and arrangements consummated for borrowing extra teaspoons, awoke amid the wreck of bedsteads and the crash of crockery, and loudly called on their husbands to rise and brain imaginary burglars with the bootjack.

As is usual when successive shocks of earthquake occur in the night, those who were awakened from sound sleep by the first shock did not, as a rule, recognise its true character. Men and women who were suddenly rolled from their beds instantly imagined that a concealed burglar was softly and stealthily plying his trade, while those whose ears were assailed by the rattling of windows and the rain of candlesticks and china, surmised that the family cat was engaged in a Græco-Roman wrestling-match with an athletic rat. The second shock, which followed after an interval of three minutes, apprised them of the true state of the case, and there was an instant flight of thousands of lightly-clad people to the streets. Huddled together under the midnight sky, the awakened sleepers and the disturbed practitioners of poker took their third and last shock with such fortitude as they could command. Gradually their confidence revived and they returned to their trousers and skirts. The earthquake passed to other Virginian towns, leaving everywhere its legacy of broken crockery and hopeless discussions as to the state of the game; and Richmond devoted the remainder of the night to animated arguments to prove that it was not in the least frightened by the earthquake, and only went into the streets in order to enjoy the sensation more at its ease.

In Washington, the shocks were apparently somewhat feebler, but in both cities they were accompanied by a brilliant display of shooting stars. The weather had been unusually and oppressively warm during the previous day, and it is asserted by persons who rushed out of doors without the formality of dressing, that immediately after the earthquake, they became aware of an area of chilliness in the region of the legs, and a falling temperature along the spinal column. These atmospheric phenomena are, however, at present only hypothetically connected with the earthquake, and it is not safe to decide without further evidence, that they formed a necessary part of the entertainment.

As to the immediate cause of the disturbance, we are, of course, wholly in the dark. It could not have been caused by the withdrawal of Yale from the Rowing Association, for that event was not, at the time, known either in Richmond or Washington. It is true that a correspondent has discovered a vague and anonymous "Professor" who does not hesitate to say, in reference to the earthquake, that "he is satisfied that it indicated some unusual commotion in the bowels of the earth." This is undoubtedly a profound and learned assertion, but its originator has unfortunately failed to furnish his name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of his good faith. Another, and this time an unquestionably genuine Professor, has also announced that he will not say whether or not the earthquake had any intimate connection with the eruption of Vesuvius. True science is ever thus cautious. It is only your pretender to scientific attainments who will unqualifiedly assert that earthquakes are due to commotions in the bowels of the earth, or that he can tell just how a given earthquake originated, and could, if he chose, point out the identical man who permitted the water to get too low, or neglected to keep the safety-valve in good order.

No great harm, except in point of broken crockery and loss of confidence between man and man, induced by conflicting statements of eminent citizens as to the "hands" held by them at the occurrence of the first shock, has resulted from the Virginia earthquake. But what has happened once may easily happen again. We of the Atlantic Coast have now had a really severe earthquake. The next one may be still more severe, and before very long we may find that the manners and customs of San Francisco have been thoroughly adopted by our older and hitherto more conservative towns.

PIANO ADVERTISING.

It is alleged that an eminent pianist, while recently playing at a concert in Baltimore, noticed that a large placard was dangling from his instrument, bearing in enormous letters the name of the piano-maker. At the first opportunity the artist seized the placard and threw it contemptuously on the floor, where it was subsequently ignominiously trampled under foot by the prima donna, the violinist, and the conductor.

If the story is not true, it ought to be. The gradual growth of the despotism of the piano-maker has reached a point where nothing but the boldest measures can secure the liberty of the artist and the public. Once the pianist played to delight his hearers, and, theoretically at all events, to honor his divine art. Now he is chained at the chariot wheels of the piano-maker, and his playing is merely an advertisement. The law restricts the piano-maker from painting advertisements on rocks and fences—both of which are, in the opinion of our legislators, comprehended under the term "natural scenery"; but, unfortunately, there is no law which forbids him to desecrate his piano with placards four feet square, and to have a pianist to call attention to them. The result of thus habitually looking upon the pianist as an advertising medium has been that piano-makers now buy and sell him like so much merchandise. Smith imports a pianist from Europe in order to advertise his pianos, and if he does not find it convenient to use, he sells him at a profit to Brown, the rival piano-maker. The artist is solemnly bound to play only on the pianos of his owner, and when his term of bondage expires, is required to write a certificate to the effect that the pianos in question are the only perfect work of man.

That this subserviency of art to trade must be exceedingly galling to a sensitive artist is evident enough. The most unpleasant feature of it is, however, the prospect that the piano barons will be encouraged to extend their power over the concert-going public. One step in despotism leads to another. If an advertisement can properly be affixed to a piano in the concert-room, there is no reason why it may not be hung around the neck of the pianist himself. RUBINSTEIN or VON BULOW decorated with a placard inscribed, "Pianists in this style furnished only by the celebrated manufactory of Smith & Co.," would constitute a spectacle only a little more out of taste than that which is furnished by Smith & Co.'s card dangling from the piano on which the artist plays. The next thing would be to require all concert-goers to wear placards inscribed, "He listens only to Smith & Co.'s pianos." It may be said that the public would not consent to be thus decorated, but he is a bold man who will venture to put any limit to the endurance of an American audience. At all events, it is the part of wisdom to guard our liberties with eternal vigilance. It is far easier to make a stand against the approaches of despotism than it is to overthrow an established tyranny. Let us, then, insist that the piano-makers, who have hitherto done such excellent work in the cause of music, shall abandon this pernicious and growing habit of subordinating art to trade, and shall cease to vex the public by compelling every one to take notice that piano concerts are merely advertisements. Let them take away their placards from the concert-room, and permit us to imagine that when listening to a pianist we are honoring an artist, instead of a clever advertising automaton.

AMUSEMENTS.

LOCAL AMUSEMENTS AND NOTES.

Two representations of "The Crucible" occur at the Park Theatre to-day.

"Caste" is to be acted at Wallack's this afternoon and this evening.

"Rose Michel" will be given at the Union Square Theatre, to-day and to-night.

The San Francisco Minstrels offer their habitual *après midi* entertainment to-day.

A day performance of "Henry V." may be enjoyed at the Brooklyn Theatre this afternoon.

Herr Wachtel will this evening sing in "The Postillion of Lonjumeau," at the Academy.

A matinée representation of "The Connie Soogah" will be to-day's attraction at Booth's Theatre.

Mr. Daly announces a matinée representation of "Pique" for to-day, at the Fifth Avenue Theatre.

Victorien Sardou's new comedy, called "Séraphine," will be brought out at the Lyceum Theatre this evening.

Matinée representations may be enjoyed to-day at the Eagle Theatre, the Olympic Theatre, Tony Pastor's New Theatre, and the Parisian Varieties.

An entertainment of a miscellaneous character will be given this evening in the Masonic Hall at Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue. It is to include the farce called "The Quiet Family," some selections from "Romeo and Juliet," with Miss Helen Houghton as *Juliet*, and a series of performances by Herr Schulze, professionally known as "the man with one hundred faces."

HOME GOSSIP.

Mr. Edwin Adams was in Buffalo this week.

Mrs. D. P. Bowers was this week in Nashville.

The Oates Troupe was this week in Indianapolis.

Mr. Frank Mayo was this week at Wood's Theatre, in Cincinnati.

Mr. Lingard is acting at the California Theatre, in San Francisco.

Miss Lotta was at the St. Charles Theatre, in New-Orleans, this week.

Dr. Von Bülow gave concerts at the Academy of Music, in Philadelphia, this week.

Miss Charlotte Thompson was this week at the Walnut Street Theatre, in Philadelphia.

The New-Orleans *Times* reports a fistic encounter between Messrs. C. W. Tayleure and C. A. Chizzola.

Mr. John T. Raymond has started on his Southern tour, undertaken under the management of Mr. John T. Ford.

Mr. Dominick Murray acted this week at the Holiday Street Theatre, in Baltimore, and Miss Augusta Dargon played at the Academy of Music.

"Thorne's Palace Theatre," a place of amusement to which admission may be had at "popular prices," has just been opened by Mr. C. R. Thorne, in San Francisco.

Mr. Ingersoll Lockwood, of the New-York Bar, formerly United States Consul, and also known as an author and lecturer, has published an original drama of the Revolution entitled "Washington." The drama was written in the Summer of 1875.

The Kellogg English Opera Troupe terminate to-day the second week of their brilliant season in St. Louis. The production of "The Talisman," on Dec. 17, suggested the following remarks to the *Republican*: "Last night was the fashionable night proper and beyond compare, of the Kellogg English opera season. The occasion had in it several elements of fullness and strength. It was Friday night, when fashion generally climbs into position at the theatre, when there is anything to cling to. It was a Kellogg night. It was Kellogg's benefit, and it was the first production of a new opera in this City. All these favoring conditions very naturally culminated in a grand attendance and demonstration at De Bar's Opera-house."

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The death is announced, at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, of M. Achille Théodore Lecourt, who, in partnership with the late M. Bouffé, in the direction of the Vaudeville, (then situate in the Palace de la Bourse,) first produced "La Dame aux Camélias" before a French audience. M. Lecourt was also an actor, and played *Barnum* in a satirical piece entitled "A Week in London."

There has been a considerable outcry raised in some of the French papers concerning the non-withdrawal of the unsuccessful "La Boulangère" from the stage of the Variétés. Now, however, it is announced that the manager has consented to play it for fifty nights, be it successful or otherwise, and the authors hold him to his agreement, otherwise they will withdraw "La Vie Parisienne" and "Les Brigands" from the repertory of the theatre. The other side is yet to be heard, but the dispute appears to be carried on chiefly for the sake of those who take a delight in the public avowal of the domestic squabbles of the theatres.

The total receipts (furnished to Government for the purposes of the Droits des Pauvres) of the Parisian theatres, *bals*, and concerts, amounted in 1868 to 16,075,060 francs; in 1869 to 17,775,049 francs 31 centimes; in 1870, (war and Commune,) to 9,903,597 francs 67 centimes; in 1871, (war and Commune,) to 7,389,924 francs 34 centimes; in 1872 to 18,748,688 francs 58 centimes; in 1873 to 20,459,046 francs 09 centimes; in 1874 to 23,919,430 francs 40 centimes. In the first ten months of 1875 the receipts have been 20,959,030 francs 67 centimes, and it is expected they will reach 25,000,000 francs, (£1,000,000 sterling,) before the year closes. In the Exhibition year, (1867,) they amounted to 24,343,773 francs 19 centimes.

THE CITY OF WACO.

The Galveston *News* of Dec. 18 says: "It has been developed within the last day or so that the divers who were lately employed in investigating the wreck of the steam-ship City of Waco reported, in addition to what has already been ascertained and published, that the condition of the forward hold of the sunken vessel indicated that there had been an explosion in that quarter. They based their suppositions on the fact that the unburned beams and lower deck braces were bulged upward, as though from a very sudden and powerful influence. It was further learned that the Galveston Local Board of Steam Vessel Inspectors, who are at work taking testimony on the City of Waco catastrophe, to be forwarded to the New-York Board of Investigation, were behindhand in summoning the divers to take their testimony, they having been discharged as soon as their labors were over and departed for New-York. The Board of Inspection in that City have been informed of the names of the divers."

EX-SENATOR CARPENTER.

(From the Evening Mail, Dec. 24.)

We see that ex-Senator Carpenter has taken to himself two "brothers-in-law," in Milwaukee, one of whom, Hon. Winfield Smith, was formerly Attorney-General of Wisconsin. The ex-Senator proposes, as we understand, to devote the principal part of his time and energies to the conduct of cases in the Supreme Court of the United States, and has opened an office in Washington. As he is known to be one of the half-dozen ablest lawyers in the country, it is not likely that his clients will give him much leisure for attending to politics.

ONE ACCOUNTED FOR.

The Hartford *Post* says that it is supposed that Mr. Barnum was thrown into the Committee on Foreign Affairs because he has heretofore manifested so little interest in domestic affairs.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

MAKING READY FOR THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.

THE POSITION AND PURPOSES OF THE PARTIES—A GLANCE AT THE LAST TWO YEARS—THE MISCHIEF OF THE PROHIBITIONISTS—DEMOCRATIC TACTICS—THE PROSPECTS AS THEY LOOK NOW.

From Our Special Correspondent.

CONCORD, N. H., Thursday, Dec. 23, 1875.

Notes of preparation have already been sounded for the first political campaign of the Centennial year. New-Hampshire politics always have an interest and importance out of all proportion to the rank of the State, because the campaign is the first of the year and is supposed to give more or less distinctly the keynote of the contests to follow. This year it will be of more than usual importance on account of the coming Presidential canvass and the uncertain position and prospects of the parties in many respects. The steps thus far taken toward preparing for the contest, which will be a sharp one, are the nomination by the Prohibitionists of their candidates and the declaration once more of their traditional principles, (which occurred as early as Nov. 10,) the calling of the Republican State Convention to meet in this city on the 5th of January, and the appointing of Jan. 12 for the Democratic Convention, also in this city. Mr. A. S. Kendall, the Prohibitory candidate for Governor, is a prosperous farmer of West Swanzey, who unites with his bucolic pursuits the more lucrative business of tanning leather. He is an energetic and honorable man of business, with a very comfortable fortune. It is said that his vigorous efforts to have the Prohibitory law enforced in his own town some years ago had such an inflammatory effect that his buildings were burned down in consequence of them.

When the Democratic State Central Committee met here some weeks ago to appoint the times and and places for the several nominating conventions little was said or done beyond what was demanded by the routine business of the occasion, and it is believed that the party leaders propose to lie back and arrange their tactics in a measure from instructions from without the State. There is no doubt that they will make a desperate struggle to recover their hold upon the State. When the Republican Committee met for a similar purpose on the last day of November there were several addresses, the tone of which indicated that the campaign would be fought on their side largely on State questions and the broader issues of national concern, and that the anti-Southern spirit which has survived so long in this State is at last subdued.

THE CHANGES OF THE LAST TWO YEARS.

To understand clearly the status and purposes of the two parties in this State it will be necessary to take a glance at the changes and events of the last two years. It may be remembered that in 1874, when the Democrats first got hold of the reins of power, after having been kept out where they could do no harm for almost twenty years, the election came in the midst of the excitement produced by the Credit Mobilier disclosures and the general feeling of dissatisfaction with the Administration. The appointment of Mr. Simmons as Collector of the Port of Boston, and the audacious assumption of leadership by Gen. Butler, had also caused a good deal of feeling in New-England, and many Republicans were in a state of mind partaking of positive dissatisfaction and indifference. The Democrats here made the most of this, and put forth magnificent professions and promises of reform, retrenchment, and a wise and liberal administration, provided they were given a trial. These were thrown out to disaffected Republicans and the better class of Democrats, while the baser sort were tickled with promises of a repeal of the Prohibitory law and the inauguration of a "judicious license system." The result was that Mr. Weston, ex-Mayor of Manchester, and a popular and highly respectable man, was elected on an unusually light vote, and the Democrats had a majority in both branches of the Legislature. When they got together at the State-house in June of that year they incontinently threw their promises overboard and proceeded to put through some of the most outrageous legislation ever perpetrated in the Granite State. Its purpose was to intrench the party in power and give it complete control of the machinery of government. The Supreme Court was legislated out of existence and the Superior Court established in its place, for the sole purpose of getting rid of Republican Judges and filling the bench with Democrats. The importance of thus owning the judiciary appeared a year later. Then the Sheriffs and other county officers were removed by a legislative process peculiar to this State, for party reasons solely, and their places were filled with trusty henchmen of the Democratic ring. Cities and Senatorial and Councilor districts were gerrymandered in such a way as to secure the largest possible Democratic representation. Naturalization was made easy, nearly all the old restrictions being removed and Judges of the Police Courts in cities being authorized to issue papers. These, with various other measures of a similar kind, gave the Democrats hope of carrying future elections without difficulty. Meantime none of their virtuous promises had been fulfilled. There was no reduction in expenses or taxation, but the very reverse; they were pledged to oppose railroad consolidation, but actually favored it; and even the Prohibitory law they dared not meddle with.

THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE PARTIES.

The effect of these proceedings was not to alienate many Democrats, for the main article of faith with your New-Hampshire Democrat is allegiance to party, right or wrong; but it roused the apathetic Republicans, and they determined to assert their power and recover the control which belonged to the preponderating party. They made a gallant and vigorous fight, and, bating a little too much eagerness for keeping up the sectional strife, a very sagacious one. In spite of the disadvantages put in their way, they won what by right should have been a complete triumph. The naturalization mill, especially in Manchester and Nashua, was run at high pressure. Frenchmen who could not speak English, and foreigners imported from other States and from Canada for the purpose, were transformed into voters by the hundred, with scarcely any attention to the evidence of qualifications. Illegal registration and voting were resorted to, and every desperate means that unscrupulous men could devise was used to prevent the success of the Republicans. The result of the contest was an unprecedented vote, but owing to the provision that a majority of all the votes shall be required to elect, and the fact that the perverse Prohibitionists persisted in dividing the Republican strength, there was no choice of Governor, and two failures to elect Senators prevented a Republican majority in the upper branch of the Legislature. The House of Representatives was held by that party beyond question. It was the business of the Governor and Council to receive the returns from the Senatorial districts and report the result, leaving the Legislature in joint session to fill the vacancies in the Senate. Instead of performing this plain duty, the Governor and Council assumed to decide on the returns themselves, although the Senate had the sole right in the premises, and declaring that Gen. Natt Head's name was not Natt, and that Mr. Arthur Dearing was ineligible on account of non-residence, threw out the votes for these candidates and declared the Democrats elected. This gave the Senate to that party, and when the Legislature met in June every effort to undo the illegal action of the Democratic Governor and Council was blocked by the Democratic Superior Court, which had been made the year before for the purpose of serving its creators in just such emergencies. The Republicans were constrained to give up the fight on this point, and elected their Governor, got through the business of legislation as expeditiously as possible, and went home to wait for this Winter to renew the fight in the canvass before the people.

PRESENT PROSPECTS.

That is where they stand now. Gov. Cheney has made an admirable official in every respect, and will no doubt be renominated. Of the possible Democratic candidates hardly anything is yet said. Mr. Sanborn, President of the Senate last Summer, was spoken of at one time, but he settled the question by declaring that he would not stand. Mr. Roberts, the candidate of last year, seems to be regarded as out of the question. In fact, he was a weak candidate. The contest will be a very close one, although unquestionably there is a clear majority of Republican voters in the State. The Prohibitory faction, which usually polls from five to ten thousand votes, is made up of those whose natural place is in the Republican ranks, but who place their pet hobby above every other consideration. They have the less excuse in this State, because there is a stringent Prohibitory law on the Statute books, which is sustained by the general sentiment of the people and which depends on local efforts for its enforcement. Moreover, the Republicans are generally favorable to the enforcement of the law, and much more could be accomplished by the zealous prohibitionists by using their strength upon the councils of that party than by putting themselves in an attitude of hostility to it. The practical effect of their conduct now is to hinder rather than help the execution of the law. Another difficulty which the Republicans have to contend with is found in the unscrupulous tactics of their opponents, who have control of the courts and the machinery of naturalization, which they are disposed to use to the utmost for their own advantage. The number of new voters which they will make depends altogether on the supply of material, for knowing that most of the ignorant Canadians of the foreign operatives in the mills can be easily induced to vote the Democratic ticket, they are perfectly willing to put through all comers. They have not so completely the control of the voting lists as they had last year, but where they have them in their hands they will do all they can to keep off the names of Republicans and put on those of Democrats, for nowhere have men of their party so little regard for honesty and legal requirements as in this State. With them it is a fight for ascendancy, and they use any means that will promote that object however dishonourable. Another thing that gives the minority an advantage is the requirement of a majority of votes to elect any candidate, and as the Democrats always hold together while the Prohibitionists draw off many Republican votes, it often happens that there is no election by the people, and then all depends on the House of Representatives. That body, which is composed of about three hundred members, with the Senate of only twelve, not only elects the Governor but regularly fills most of the Executive offices and all vacancies in the Senate and Council. In the House the Prohibitionists keep up their work of mischief, being generally ready for a bargain, if they can gain anything by it. This year an honorable Republican in the Executive chair will prevent any such disreputable game as that played last year in throwing out Senatorial votes. Though the contest will be close, the Republicans are likely to be well united this year, and will work with zeal and enthusiasm, inspired by a very strong hope of complete success. They are in far better trim than they have been for the last two years and will make a vigorous fight on the State issues which the conduct of their opponents has raised, and on the live questions of national policy. The prospects will open up much more clearly after the conventions have been held in January, but at present the auguries may be pronounced very favorable to the Republicans.

OBITUARY.

HON. A. CARTER WILDER.

The death of Hon. A. Carter Wilder is announced as having occurred at San Francisco on the 22d inst. This news, although not altogether unanticipated, was none the less sad to his many friends in Rochester, where he had for many years resided. Nearly a quarter of a century ago Mr. Wilder left Rochester for a trip to that part of the Indian Territory now comprising the State of Kansas. He was one of the earliest and most prominent protectors of that soil from the inroad of those who threatened to plant slavery thereon. His services were duly recognized by those who risked their property and their lives in defense of a great principle, and he was elected a member of Congress to represent Kansas in the capital of the nation. Subsequently he returned to Leavenworth, where he remained until 1865, when he returned to Rochester, where he soon after engaged with his brother, D. P. Wilder, in the publication of the *Express*, but his health not being equal to the demands of daily journalism he was soon compelled to retire. In 1872 he was elected Mayor of Rochester, which position he acceptably filled one year, when, his health again failing him, he resigned and made a trip to Europe. He remained abroad nearly a year. On his return to this country he was persuaded to go to California, to which State he was accompanied by his wife and a party of friends. Mr. Wilder was born in Mendon, Worcester County, Mass., March 15, 1828, and was consequently in his forty-eighth year.

THE EARL OF STANHOPE.

Phillip Henry Stanhope, whose death is announced from London, was the fifth Earl of that name, and was one of an illustrious family. Among the earlier Stanhopes was the Earl of Chesterfield, while another of the name invented a printing press long known as one of the best in use. The Earl who has just died was born at Walmer Castle, Kent, Jan. 31, 1805, taking by courtesy the title of Viscount Mahon. He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, and entered Parliament as a member for Wootton-Bassett in 1830. As a general thing he acted with the Conservatives. He opposed the Reform bill, and his borough was disfranchised for corruption in 1832; but he was subsequently returned for Hereford. In 1834 he became Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the Ministry formed by the Duke of Wellington, and in the Cabinet of 1845 he was Secretary of the Board of Control. He was a firm supporter of Peel's measure for the repeal of the Corn laws. It was about this time that he published the celebrated Chesterfield letters. In 1855 Lord Mahon succeeded to the title of Earl of Stanhope. In 1857 the National Portrait Gallery was established, and the Earl was its first Chairman. In 1858 he was elected Lord Rector of the University of Aberdeen, and in 1872 he was elected one of the six foreign members of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences at Paris. He has written many valuable works, among which may be mentioned *History of the Rise of our Indian Empire, Life of the Great Condé, Life of Belisarius*; also, various articles to the *Quarterly Review*. In 1834 he was married to the daughter of Sir Edward Kerrison, by whom he had five children. His eldest son, Arthur Philip Henry, who succeeds to the title, was born in 1838. He was a Captain in the Grenadier Guards, and has been in Parliament since 1868.

GOOD-WILL.

GALVESTON'S THANKS TO BOSTON.

The Galveston (Texas) *News* prints the following letter, addressed by Mayor Fulton, of that city, to Mayor Cobb, of Boston:

GALVESTON, Dec. 14, 1875.

Hon. Samuel C. Cobb, Mayor of Boston, Mass.:

MY DEAR SIR: Your kind letter, inclosing a draft for $121 on the American Exchange National Bank of New-York, came to hand two days ago. The money has been drawn, and I assure you will be used for the purpose stated in your letter—"the relief of the Texas sufferers by the recent flood." I have more than once attempted, since my visit to Boston, to communicate to you, and through you to the good people generally of your city, my appreciation of the kindness and consideration shown to me, as the representative of the City of Galveston and the State of Texas, during my stay with you on the occasion of the celebration of the centennial of the battle of Bunker Hill. But I could not find words adequate to express my feelings, and should, perhaps, have remained silent altogether, had not your magnificent charities compelled me to respond. I did not imagine when I visited Boston as your guest, that, as a representative of a city of less than fifty thousand inhabitants, I should be treated with the same distinguished consideration as were the representatives of New-York, Philadelphia, and other cities of almost equal pretensions. Nor did I expect that as a Southerner and a late Confederate soldier, I should be received in Boston with the same honor as was Gen. Sherman and other soldiers of great repute who served in the Federal Army. And when I found I was so greatly mistaken in the temper of your people, I felt ashamed that I should have been so long deceived in regard to the character and disposition of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts toward the residents of the South. But even while I was more than satisfied with the accommodations and courtesies extended to me by yourself, the Councilmen, Aldermen, and citizens of Boston generally with whom I was made acquainted, I must confess that it was not until the people of the Gulf coast were poverty-stricken by storm and flood, and their hearts made glad by your unexpected donations, that the prejudices that I conceived in my boyhood against the people of New-England were entirely eradicated. The people on the Gulf coast of Texas have been sorely afflicted. All the cities and towns immediately upon the coast (except Galveston) were damaged almost to utter annihilation. I was absent at the State capital on official business during the storm, and Alderman J. P. Davis, acting Mayor in my absence, telegraphed to all the principal cities in the United States to assist Galveston in relieving those in distress. Many cities larger than Boston made no response whatever. And Boston gave more, including the $5,000 sent for the relief of the sufferers (except Galveston) than all other cities in the United States combined. I have taken great pleasure in making this fact known to the people of Texas. And while I do not profess to be a Christian myself, I believe that benedictions have gone up from all portions of the State, invoking God's blessing upon the good people of your city and State, for what they have done for the relief of the sufferers, by storm and flood, on the Gulf coast of Texas.

Hoping that I shall meet you in Philadelphia in 1876, together with other gentlemen and ladies of Boston, who were so kind to me during my short stay in your city, I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

R. L. FULTON, Mayor of Galveston.

THE CANAL INVESTIGATION.

MR. THAYER FURTHER EXPLAINS.

THE INTEREST ON THE CERTIFICATES FOR THE TIME ANTICIPATED ONLY DEDUCTED BY HIM—EXAMINATION BY MR. MAGONE ON THIS POINT.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—Auditor Thayer appeared before the Canal Investigating Committee to-day and presented the statement which has been already published, and accompanied his qualifications of his previous statement that upon none of his purchases of the $162,040 09 from contractors named in the consultation with the Governor, had he or the bank realized more than simple interest; the rate was simple interest, but the time being uncertain, it was estimated, and in some instances there was a slight gain in time by reason of being paid sooner than was expected at the time of negotiation. He also said his bank liabilities were diminished from $50,000 to $5,000 by realizing on flour to the amount of nearly fifty thousand dollars which he had been carrying in New-York. He also explained his meaning of the word "audit" in his testimony. He did not consider himself called upon to audit the certificates further than to see that they were in proper form and genuine. All these certificates, he said, were examined and found to be in due and proper form before he took them, and they were accompanied by the Engineer's certificate, as required by law.

Mr. Thayer was then examined as to the several allegations in his written statement, and particularly as to his advance of $50,000 for putting the canal at Utica repair. In this examination he fully admitted that the Governor never authorized, suggested, nor countenanced the loan, but, on the contrary, always insisted that it should come out of the ordinary repair fund, and that it was the plain duty of the Auditor to pay.

The commission then took a recess.

At the afternoon session Mr. Magone resumed the examination of Mr. Thayer.

Q.—How much had the canals earned in 1875 prior to June 4? A.—Cannot say up to the fourth. On the 1st of June $100,643 90 had been earned.

Q.—That answers the question. Have you looked to see if you had money to pay the certificate of Yates? A.—Have not looked; but know there was none. Looked at the time.

Q.—What sum of money was there put in the treasury subject to payment for ordinary repairs between the 1st of June and the 28th of June, if any? A.—There was money earned; but it was subject to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Canal Fund.

Q.—But you paid out money without such resolution? A.—Yes; there was no action taken by them.

Q.—I do not understand it as you do. I understand there was plenty of money. Do you understand Yates was paid according to law? A.—Yes; the fund set apart for that purpose was exhausted.

Q.—Then, if you had adopted the same rule as in other cases you could have paid it; that is, there was plenty of money, but it had not been set apart by the Commissioners of the Canal Fund? A.—There had been no appropriation by the Commissioners of the Canal Fund; if they had appropriated $2,500 more it could have been paid.

Q.—As to the certificate of Thomas Gall, how much did you pay for that? A.—I do not know exactly what I paid for it.

Q.—Do you know for what length of time you discounted it? A.—No; I cannot tell what I paid, nor the length of time I discounted it for.

Q.—Can you say it was for a month or two months? A.—My best recollection is about one month.

Q.—Did not you discount at the face of the paper? A.—I think I did.

Q.—When you took it was not it entitled to interest? A.—No.

Q.—That amounted to a warrant for $15,179 17; how much did you pay him? A.—I don't know.

Q.—We can only find that you paid $720 88; did you pay that? A.—No, Sir; I never discounted that much from any certificate; all I know is that I took about one month's interest.

Q.—How can you swear that when you say you don't know anything about the time? A.—I draw my knowledge from the dates given, and know I took only simple interest.

Q.—Then what you got additional was on account of difference of time? A.—Yes.

Q.—You say in your written statement that the Canal Commissioners and yourself consulted the Governor, and that it was agreed that you should assist the contractors. You then purchased $162,040 of certificates at simple interest? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—You say in your statement that the Governor advised you to act as you did in order to procure the opening of the canals at the commencement of navigation for the public good. Did the Governor ever request you to buy the Denison certificates, or had they anything to do with the opening of the canals? A.—Denison refused to go on with the work unless helped.

Q.—Did he ever go on with the work? A.—Yes, some of it.

Q.—Didn't you know that Denison was able to go on? A.—I knew him to be a man of means, but he threatened to throw up his work unless he could have money.

Q.—Did he ever do any work since the 12th of April? A.—Yes.

Q.—Where? A.—Up at Port Schuyler; I heard he had.

Q.—Were you not the owner of these certificates before the bill, 260, was passed? A.—That bill had nothing to do with Denison's certificates. It was Hamilton's.

Q.—Didn't you know that Hamilton was merely Denison's foreman? A.—No, Sir, I never knew it.

Q.—In the interview with the Governor, what statement was made to him? A.—My brother and myself went to the Governor with the bill.

Q.—What amount of certificates did you own at that time? A.—Not a dollar's worth.

Q.—What certificates did the bank of which you were a stockholder hold? A.—The Osborne certificate.

Q.—What did you tell the Governor in the interview spoken of? A.—My brother did most of the talking, and stated the condition of affairs, saying the contractors needed help; the Governor asked who they were, and my brother wrote down the names of Denison and Belden, who wanted $60,000; I did not hold their certificates then; Nash and Barnes were named, and I did not own any of these; theirs amounted to $70,000; also Flagler and Riley; also McEacrow; the Governor said: Gentlemen, we must have the canals open at all hazards; you must do the best thing possible.

Q.—Did he not say go on and do the best you can and you will be sustained in so doing? A.—I don't know as he added that; I don't know as anything was said about an enabling law.

Q.—Did he say anything about borrowing money at seven per cent., or at any other rate? A.—Not in so many words; he advised us to get the canals in condition.

Q.—Didn't you know the State had plenty of money drawing only four per cent.? A.—Yes.

Q.—And yet you bought up this paper at seven per cent. and cashed it as soon as money came into your hands? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you know Hamilton's contract was let without an examination by engineers? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—You state that you had a right to pay for this, and yet it was not under contract? A.—I thought it was under a contract.

Q.—Did not you charge Benson interest? A.—Yes.

Q.—You say, "As to the difference in my line of discounts at the bank, it was produced by my commercial transactions." In that you included your purchases of certificates? A.—Yes.

Q.—And you also say it had nothing to do with your official acts. By that you mean that you did not allow your official acts to stand in the way of making these purchases? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did the Troy City National Bank ever charge you, with the exception of the S. R. Wells certificates, more than seven per cent. per annum upon the loans they made to you upon certificates? A.—No, Sir.

Mr. Magone here announced that he had nothing further to ask.

THE YOUNG MAN WITH A BANK-BOOK.

The Hartford *Courant* of Thursday says: "A young man who wore the garb of a laborer went to a savings bank and deposited $1 50, and took a bank-book. This on Tuesday. That evening he went to Fitzgerald's shoe store and selected a pair of boots worth $9, and then remarked that he had no ready money, but (showing the bank-book) had the cash on deposit, and would give an order on the bank in payment. An examination of the book showed that the amount on deposit was $41 50. The youth had put on a figure 4 so cleverly that it would not be readily discovered. Mr. Fitzgerald accepted the order, and the fellow took the boots and next went to Geeley's clothing-house, where he selected over twenty-five dollars worth of clothing, and then went over the old story about his money and showed the bank-book. Mr. Geeley said an order would be acceptable, and wrote one, which the swindler signed, and was about to take back his book and depart with his purchase, when it was suggested to him that he had better call in the morning after the bank was open so that everything about the transaction could be perfectly guaranteed. This was unexpected, but Mr. Geeley was persistent, and the fellow left, promising to call yesterday, but did not, of course. Detective Cowles had the case in hand at last accounts, and was looking for the confidence operator."

CIRCUMSTANCE.

An Eastern paper tells this story: "A family in removing from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to St. John, New-Brunswick, some time ago, took passage in a schooner between those ports. On one afternoon, as a lady of the family was seated on the quarter deck with an infant in her arms, a small dog of the terrier breed, which belonged to the family, was noticed suddenly to run from the cabin way toward them, howling and appearing to be in great distress. He seized hold of the lady's dress and then darted toward the entrance to the cabin hurriedly, repeating the action a number of times. This extraordinary action on the part of the dog aroused the attention of the lady, and she at length arose and followed him. As soon as she had reached the cabin-door the upper spar to which the mainsail was attached high above fell with an immense force on the very spot where a moment before she had been seated. After licking his mistress' hands with every emotion of joy, the animal soon lay quiet at her feet. As no human being on board had the least suspicion of danger, had it not been for the singular and timely demonstration on the part of the dog the lady and child would have been crushed."

THE EARTHQUAKE AT RICHMOND.

A MIDNIGHT COMMOTION—THREE SHOCKS FELT IN THE CITY—EXCITEMENT AND ALARM OF THE PEOPLE.

From the Richmond Dispatch, Dec. 23.

About 11:45 o'clock last night three severe and distinct shocks as of earthquake were felt in all parts of the city, and created great consternation. Thousands of people were aroused by the rattling of window-panes and the trembling of their houses, and awoke in great fright. The sensation lasted for about twenty or thirty seconds, and began with a slight rocking, which rapidly increased until houses swayed to and fro and the earth seemed slipping from beneath the feet of those who were on the street. A gentleman who was sitting smoking his pipe in the western portion of the city says he heard the rumbling noise as if of some heavy vehicle passing on the macadamized street before he felt the quivering sensation. Then he heard the rattling of the window-panes, and the floor began to shiver, producing an unpleasant sensation, like he experienced when standing on the Supreme Court-room floor the moment before it gave way, with such terrible destruction to human lives. This gentleman states that looking at the head-board of the bed in the room he clearly perceived it vibrating like a pendulum. There were three shocks, the last (two running into each other, not sharp or sudden, but coming on rather slowly, swelling in force and then quickly dying out. The gentleman ran to his window and opened it, and almost simultaneously several other windows were raised. He asked, "What is the matter?" and a gentleman from across the street responded, "It is an earthquake. What shall we do?" Even at that time the earth seemed hardly settled. Every voice that was heard conveyed the impression of fright and of some dreaded catastrophe impending. The idea was that the shocks were from north to south or from south to north, but few people were cool enough to be able to tell exactly from what direction they came.

At the *Dispatch* office the shocks were painfully felt. The tall building trembled to its very foundation, and the compositors on the fourth floor, apprehensive that the structure was toppling, left their stands with all the rapidity possible and rushed into the street. One of the compositors, whose stand is near the door, believing that the front of the house was falling inwardly, was the first to get out. He was followed by all the others. Many of the men reached the ground breathless, and some say they were almost out of their senses, not knowing the character or the extent of the danger, and being really unable to decide when they had reached a place of safety. One or two in coming down the steps hurt themselves. One, with more forethought than the others, let himself down by means of the dumb-waiter.

In less than five minutes after the shock at least one-fourth of the people of the city were out in the streets or in their yards, many in their night-clothes. Mothers grasped their babes from their cradles and went out of the houses, seeking open spaces to be away from the falling houses. So unexpected, so unprecedented in the history of Richmond was the occurrence, that none were prepared for it, and those who under ordinary dangers would have shown boldness and courage lost all control of themselves. Never before was there such universal consternation. Never before, even in the darkest days of the war, when the almost countless hosts of the enemy were thundering at our gates, and bomb-shells were bursting in the sight of our women and children, was there such fright.

At Ford's, St. James, and Exchange Hotels hundreds of people were awakened, and those who were not asleep felt the quake and heard the rumbling noise most plainly. At these hotels bells were rung, lights put out, people were almost jostled from their beds, and panic and confusion took possession of many. The great desire—indeed, the instinct—seemed to be to get out of the buildings. At the Exchange one man climbed out upon the roof, seeking a safe place.

In Manchester there was the same experience.

A gentleman who has sleeping apartments in Stearns' building says he saw lights springing up and down in all directions. The plastering was knocked down from the ceiling in a number of houses.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock dozens of gentlemen from all parts of the city called at the *Dispatch* office. They gave accounts agreeing in the main with what is here written. One said he felt three separate shocks as plainly as he ever felt anything in his life. All described the movement of the earth as of a regular rocking rather than of a convulsive character. There was a swaying to and fro rather than an upheaval or spasmodic movement. Many represented that ladies had been frightened nearly to death, and it is certain that a large portion of our population passed a sleepless night, not knowing how soon new shocks would come, or when they came what would be the result. Quite a number of gentlemen, ladies, and children passed the night in the open air.

Some parties of an inquiring turn of mind, in their anxiety to ascertain what was the cause of the agitation of the earth last night, advanced the idea that the weather had something to do with it. That is hardly likely. Yet the weather has undergone rapid changes within the past few days. On the 18th, at the White Sulphur Springs, the thermometer was but four degrees above zero. At Richmond it was eighteen. Yesterday at 3 o'clock the thermometer here was seventy-one, and the heat was so oppressive as to be generally complained of. Last night about the time of the shocks an unusual number of shooting stars were observed, and that was taken in connection with the weather by the theorists who wanted to get up some sort of fanciful explanation.

THE EARTHQUAKE IN BALTIMORE.

The Baltimore *Gazette* of Dec. 24 says: "The shock of the earthquake which was felt so sensibly in Richmond, Va., at 11:40 o'clock on Wednesday night, was quite perceptible in this vicinity some minutes later. Owing to the very late hour but few persons were awake, except where there was more or less moving about, and consequently there were comparatively few opportunities to note the slight shock. A gentleman residing near Boundary avenue, between the Harford and Belair roads, was reading at a few minutes before twelve o'clock. He states that the house was shaken violently for a few seconds. The glass shades on the chandeliers and other light articles rattled in an active manner. Several members of the family were awakened by the motion of the house, and were much startled by the occurrence. A gentleman residing on North Front street, who was awake at that hour, noticed a motion of the room in which he was seated similar to that made by the rapid passage of a heavy wagon through the street, and was quite at a loss to account for the cause, as no vehicle passed at that time. Other persons residing in that section of the city were conscious of a vibration of the houses, but of so slight a character as not to excite remark until seeing the accounts published yesterday morning. A gentleman residing on West Fayette street was awakened by the shock, and being convinced that robbers were in the house, searched the premises without finding any trace of intruders. On the northern suburbs of the city, as far out as Towsontown, the same sensations were experienced. A gentleman residing about three miles out was awakened by the vibrations of his couch, which were very perceptible, and distinctly heard a rumbling sound, followed immediately after by what he supposed to be thunder. Other members of his family were aroused by the same cause."

DEATH OF A BRIDE.

The Cumberland (Md.) *Times* has this brief account of the death of a lady in that city recently married: "Mrs. Kate Thuss, aged twenty years four months and seven days, was buried from the German Lutheran Church in this city yesterday afternoon, attended by a large concourse of citizens and friends. Only a short week ago the deceased stood before the altar as a bride. On last Sunday a week ago she was married by Rev. John P. Conradi in the very church from which yesterday she was borne to the burial, the same minister officiating. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. Heinrich Heinrick, of Oldtown District, and had been for some time threatened or afflicted with typhoid fever, the disease of which she died."

WHAT HE CALLED A JOKE.

The Allentown (Penn.) *Register* of this week says: "The passenger train running on the branch of the East Pennsylvania Railroad between Topton and Kutztown has been stopped several times by the result of practical jokes. The latest case occurred several days ago. The evening train had started out from Topton and was running along at a rapid rate of speed, when presently the engineer whistled 'down brakes,' and the train came to a sudden stop. A voice was heard in the darkness, 'Ihr sind uber eine frau gefahren!' (You have run over a woman.) The brakeman and a number of horror-stricken passengers proceeded back to search for the mutilated corpse, when they found a sheaf of corn-fodder lying across the track which the practical joker had placed there to deceive the engineer."

AN ALLEGED FORGERY.

Referring to the small handbill said to have been secretly circulated in Maryland during the late political campaign, the Baltimore *Sun* says: "The handbill purports to be an appeal to the Catholics of Maryland to remember their 'holy cause, and vote for John Lee Carroll, who has already been tried and not found wanting.' Now, the truth about this circular is that it was issued by parties opposed to the election of the Democratic candidates, and was exposed and denounced by the representatives of several Irish societies at a meeting held only a few evenings previous to the election."

THE MISSOURI LAND-SWINDLE.

The Chicago *Times* prints a communication giving "the other side of the great Missouri land-swindling case. The story of the indicted parties is to the effect that they are victims of a conspiracy set on foot by speculators interested in 'salting' copper mines, and whose operations had been interfered with by the others."

WASHINGTON.

SPAIN AND THE NEUTRALITY LAWS.

DENIAL BY THE SPANISH MINISTER OF ANY VIOLATION — SPANISH LAWS FORBID ENLISTMENT OF FOREIGNERS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Spanish Minister, referring to reports of enlistments of Italians in New-York for the Spanish army in Cuba, states that they are untrue, and that on the contrary, applications to join the Spanish Army have been made to him by persons in the United States, but the offers have been refused. The refusal, apart from the question of violating the neutrality laws, was in accordance with a law of Spain which forbids the admission of foreigners into the Army of that country.

CUBAN SUGAR CROP.

NEW CROP SUGAR AND MOLASSES COMING IN FROM THE PLANTATIONS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Late intelligence from Matanzas, Cuba, states that the new crop sugar and molasses are already beginning to come in from the plantations, the estates generally being in full operation. Few are producing clayed sugars, other kinds being deemed more profitable. To Dec. 17 there had been received about five hundred boxes new crop clayed and 400 hogsheads new crop muscovado sugars and 600 hogsheads new crop molasses.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH RITUALISM.

MIDNIGHT MASS TO BE CELEBRATED WITH GREAT POMP IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The celebration of a midnight mass is announced at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and very elaborate arrangements have been made to add to the impressiveness and grandeur of the ceremonials. The services at this church to-morrow will be on a scale of magnificence rarely witnessed even in Roman Catholic churches. The church has been handsomely decorated, and the choir will be arrayed in cope and cassock. In the public announcement of the services "it is particularly requested that the aisles be kept clear, so that the procession around the church may not be impeded." This display of ritualism in a Protestant church has caused considerable comment, and excites much interest.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

TAXATION OF ALIEN STOCKHOLDERS OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD—FOREIGN MAILS — CHRISTMAS — THE GREEN ACQUITTAL—INDICTMENT FOR STEALING PAPERS FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An important question has recently been submitted by the Treasury Department to the Attorney General involving the right of the Illinois Central Railroad Company to be paid a certain refund of taxes on dividends, which, under a decision of the Supreme Court, were declared to be due the non-resident alien stockholders in the road. The company claims that the refund should be made to it, and the question, as submitted to the Attorney General, is whether the claim should not be made by the non-resident alien stockholders themselves and the payment made to them. A decision will be rendered on Monday.

The Post Office Department is to-day informed that the steam-ship City of Peking, with the mails for China and Japan, will not leave San Francisco until Jan. 3, instead of the 1st prox. as heretofore announced. The department gives notice that mails for Havti, Santa Martha, and Savanilla will be sent from New-York, on the 29th inst., by the steamer Atlas, of the Atlas Line.

In response to a request for the free admission of certain French army cloth, to be imported for the purpose of making overcoats for the use of the First Regiment of Infantry, National Guard of Pennsylvania, the Treasury Department decides that it has no legal authority to admit the articles free of duty.

The crowded condition of the principal business thoroughfares from early in the morning till late at night would seem to indicate that the scarcity of money, of which there has long been much complaint, no longer exists. Tradesmen appear to be satisfied with extensive sales. All the public offices were closed at noon to-day, in order to give the employes an opportunity to prepare for Christmas.

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, payment of the interest due in January next on the public debt will commence on Monday next without rebate. The amount of interest due in January is nearly $19,000,000 in gold.

The acquittal of John Green, a barber, of Baltimore, who was tried for acknowledgment of false bail in the case of Snyder, the Perry store burglar, in which young Fisher, formerly Assistant United States District Attorney, Mr. Evans, a lawyer, and Mr. Leighton, the Clerk of the Police Court, were implicated, was a surprise. The testimony for the defense, however, served somewhat to throw a doubt upon the identity of the prisoner, and the jury gave him the benefit of it. It may be stated that the prisoner himself seemed surprised, and joined in the applause of his friends on the rendition of the verdict.

The Grand Jury have returned a true bill of indictment against Edward A. Williams and James K. Moore for the larceny of papers from the Internal Revenue Bureau, on which they realized large sums of money, about a year ago.

W. J. Baxter, head of the Railroad Division General Land Office, has been promoted from a fourth class to the position of Law Clerk of the General Land Office, declining the position of Law Clerk in the Secretary's office for the purpose of accepting the promotion tendered in his own bureau. The salaries are the same in both positions.

The receipts from internal revenue to-day were $404,450 80, and from Customs, $445,462 94.

Ten dollars conscience money was received at the Treasury Department to-day, in an envelope postmarked "Lombard street, London." The sender simply advises the Secretary that the money is due to the United States.

MINING DECISION.

A PATENT ISSUED FOR THE TOWN SITE OF CENTRAL CITY, COLORADO.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.— The Commissioner of the General Land Office to-day ordered a patent to be issued for the town site of Central City, Colorado, with the following proviso: "Provided, that no title shall be hereby acquired to any mine of gold, silver, cinnibar, or copper, or to any valid mining claim or possession held under existing laws; and the grant hereby made is declared to be subject to all conditions, limitations, and restrictions contained in section 2,386 of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same are applicable thereto." Gen. John A. Dix, of New-York, and others, representing mineral claimants, have protested against any patent issuing for this town site unless the department should make it exclude every mine discovered or hereafter discovered throughout its entire length, together with a width of 100 feet of surface ground. Commissioner Burdett, in an elaborate argument accompanying his order of to-day, shows that the proviso above quoted comprehends all the exceptions and conditions that can be made under the existing law. The decision is of great importance to the large mining interests in many sections of this country.

THE COST OF FINDING TWENTY CENTS.

The Lancaster (Penn.) *Examiner* describes in the following how much it cost an official of that city to find twenty cents: "While walking along North Queen street one day last week he discovered two crisp ten-cent shinplasters reposing conspicuously on the sidewalk. He at once picked them up and exulting in his good fortune, showed them to some gentlemen of his acquaintance. They suggested that such good luck should be celebrated by his treating the crowd, and demonstrated to him that the twenty cents would buy four glasses of beer. The party at once adjourned to a neighboring saloon. There the gentleman was astonished to find at least fifty of his acquaintances apparently awaiting his appearance. The friends who came in with him took occasion to tell of his good fortune, and the acquaintances all moved up to the bar with strange unanimity. Not a man of them took beer. The demand for cocktails, smashes, and straights was certainly marvelous. The bill for the entire treat was to 40. The gentleman has spent many days studying over the affair, and has finally come to the conclusion that it was a 'put up job.' In other words some of his friends had hid the twenty cents where he would find it. He now says that if he were to see a $10 bill lying on the sidewalk he would not pick it up."

A SIMPLE STORY.

LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM IN A RAILROAD CAR.

From the New-Orleans Times.

They got aboard the train at a little town between Canton and New-Orleans, and took a seat in the front end of the car. He was a young man with an independent "big enough to take care of myself" sort of an air, and she was a young woman apparently big enough to help him do it. He seemed entirely to overlook the fact that there were any passengers on the train, and especially that several distinguished St. Louis and Chicago drummers were aboard. He was full to bursting with something to say, and the movements of a race horse are tame in comparison with the way he proceeded to say it.

During the first half hour, with head and arms extended until they nearly touched the person of the fair damsel at his side, and utterly unconscious that a dozen pair of eyes were watching him, he poured forth such a flood of words as must certainly have overwhelmed any one unable to swim in the liquid language of love. Once during the half hour she seemed to rebuke him for some startling expression, and he fell back discomfited to his own end of the seat. It was only for a moment. Long enough, however, for some rash individual to offer a bet that the maid would win, which was at once accepted by all parties within hearing.

At the end of the first half hour she exhibited strong symptoms of wilting, and Chicago bet ten to one on the young man, which was taken by St. Louis. Things were now becoming intensely interesting to all parties, and when at long length the young man ventured to pass his arm around the maid, with no sign of disapproval from her, significant glances passed among the crowd, a hundred to one was offered with no takers, and all further betting was cut off by the maid passing her arm around the young man, and dropping her head on his bosom. They had gone far enough. The climax was reached, the goal gained, the dear object won, and they got off at the next station. They passed out quietly and lovingly, not knowing that the blessings of an entire car-load of passengers followed them. Amid the general enthusiasm which followed their exit, St. Louis, with a long-drawn sigh, was heard to remark: "It is a long time since I have seen anything of the kind." And Chicago did not forget himself as he replied: "Pshaw! We have them every day with us."

A LAWYERS' SCRIMMAGE.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* of Dec. 15 gives the following account of a row among lawyers in a Justice's Court in that city: "One day last week John H. Bryant procured the arrest of one James Phillips, on a charge of misdemeanor. The case was dismissed and Phillips sued in the Justice's Court for $999 damages, the case coming before Justice Sawyer yesterday. He was represented by Counselor John Wade, of the bald head, and the profane Col. Dudley. Bryant was defended by George W. Tyler. During the progress of the trial the counsel got into a quarrel about the degree of 'bullyragging' to which an attorney was privileged to subject a witness, and the lie was passed. Tyler reached over the Colonel, who was calmly seated, and tapped Wade on the head, whereupon Wade retired to his corner with a handful of whiskers. The second round was lively, the combatants rolling around the floor, biting and gouging each other in bulldog style. The venerable Justice mounted his desk and propelled his stock of law-books at the struggling lawyers and assailed them with gentle and fruitless entreaties to postpone the mill. Finally Tyler, who is a man of superior avoirdupois, achieved an advantage in getting on top of Wade and attempted to fracture the obstinate floor with the latter's glistening pate. A muscular attorney's clerk, who happened in at the moment, separated them, and the Justice fined Tyler $25 and Wade $15. The case will be further examined in the Police Court."

A HORSE WITH A SILVER THROAT.

The Cincinnati *Commercial* has this account of "a horse with a silver throat:" "He was a kindly, hard-working beast, belonging to the Cincinnati Omnibus Company, but was 'wind-broken,' and on that account had grown almost useless. It was a pity and a loss as well, to turn him out to die—he wouldn't sell—so it was determined by Meyers, the veterinary surgeon, to try an experiment, an expedient—in short, a 'kill-or-cure' remedy. So, two months ago, he made an incision in the animal's throat and inserted a silver tube in the windpipe to facilitate breathing, leaving a sort of artificial nostril at the point of insertion. The device works like a charm, the terrible wheezing has ceased, the incision has healed up beautifully, and the horse is doing his full day's work and eats his full allowance. The silver throat can be removed and replaced at will for cleansing, but is so arranged as not to get out of place or cause any inconvenience to the horse."

REPORTED DEATH OF A CRIMINAL.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer* of Dec. 23 says: "We have information from trustworthy sources that Frank Rivers, a man distinguished all over the country as a burglar, counterfeiter, and safe-blower, drowned himself about a fortnight ago in the Ohio River. He was arrested in Portsmouth by the United States authorities about six weeks ago for passing counterfeit money, and gave his name as George Harter. About three weeks ago the Deputy United States Marshal started to Cincinnati with him on one of the river packets. On the way down he jumped into the river and was drowned. It has since been ascertained that George Harter was Frank Rivers. He was the ringleader in the celebrated robbery of a Hillsboro bank, in which over $40,000 worth of United States bonds were stolen. He was also one of the parties who robbed Holliday's hardware store, at the corner of Fifth and Central avenue, in this city. Shortly after that he was sent to the Joliet Penitentiary, in Illinois, for counterfeiting, where he served a term which but lately expired."

SHOOTING MATCH DURING THE CENTENNIAL.

The Sharpshooters' Union of the United States will hold a grand shooting match at the Park of the Philadelphia Rifle Club next year. The shooting will commence on the 26th of June, at 1 P. M., and will close at 6 P. M. On the subsequent days there will be shooting from 8 A. M. to 12 M., pause until 1 P. M., and shooting from 1 P. M. to 6 P. M. The signal to commence and cease firing will be given by a cannon. A convention of the delegates will be held July 3, at 9 A. M., at the Schuetzen Hall. The shooting will close on Saturday, July 1, at 6 P. M. The prizes will be distributed on Monday, July 3. There will be $2,000 distributed in 100 general prizes and $1,000 in seventy-five general prizes, besides a large number of special prizes.

INFLUENCE OF THE THERMOMETER.

The Hartford *Courant* says: "There is a case in point here of a meteorologically inclined postman of Hartford, who fixes his idea of the day's cold by a particular thermometer that he visits early every morning in the line of his duties. Pitying him, the owner of the thermometer regularly on cold days warms up the bulb just as the messenger arrives in sight, and the satisfied wayfarer hasn't been really cold yet a single morning. His eye proves to him that it would be foolish to feel a condition that does not exist, so he doesn't feel it. And a defective thermometer has been known to keep a whole family cold all Winter, to cause several extra tons of coal to be burned, and to lead to a rupture with the agent of 'the best furnace in the world.'"

OLD TWINS.

A Boston paper reports that the oldest pair of twins in this country, and perhaps in the world, reside in Massachusetts, one in West Springfield, and the other in Goshen. Their names are Daniel and James Prince, and Wednesday, Dec. 22, was their ninety-first birthday. They strongly resemble each other in form, feature, and manner, have always been remarkably healthy, and are still active, mentally and physically. Their father, Daniel Prince, came to this country as a soldier under Gen. Burgoyne, in the war of the Revolution, and was with his army while on its way to Boston as prisoners of war. Prince fell out of the ranks on the way and became a resident of Williamsburg, Mass., where he spent his days and brought up a family. One of the twins above named was for many years an employe and inspector in the Springfield Armory.

EXAMINE YOUR BOXES THOROUGHLY.

The Binghamton *Times* relates how a lady of that city lost and found a set of silver spoons, which had been sent her as a present by her parents in a box of china and silverware. In removing the articles the spoons were left in the bottom of the box, covered with sawdust, she not knowing that they were included in the present. Subsequently, being informed of the fact, she ascertained that the boy who had removed the box had emptied the sawdust in the river and was able to point out the precise locality; after long and thorough search the lady saw the glitter of the silverware. A boat was procured and in a little time the spoons were recovered.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Hans von Bülow is at the Westminster Hotel.

The Earl of Dunraven, of Ireland, is at the Brevoort House.

Senator P. W. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, is at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Rev. Dr. Henry G. Batterson, of Philadelphia, is at the Coleman House.

Lord D'Arcy Osborne, of England, and ex-Gov. Emory Washburn, of Massachusetts, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Col. William H. Lewis, United States Army, and A. N. Chrystie, Vice President of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company, are at the Gilsey House.

FOREIGN NOTES.

An exhibition of specimens of needle-work done in the public schools of London by the girls has lately been held in that city.

The Russians are beginning to turn their attention to the advantage of connecting St. Petersburg with China by means of a telegraph across Siberia.

The German newspapers are complaining of the want of more speedy communication between Berlin and London. It is proposed to establish faster trains.

Egypt will probably soon become an important exporter of salt to India. Since the 1st of May last 6,000 tons of that article, produced at Suez, have been sent to Calcutta.

A vote of £10,000 is to be asked for next session in the British Parliament for the defensive works at Bermuda. These works when completed will have cost $1,975,000.

Col. Valentine Baker has been employing his prison hours by writing the account of his personal experiences in the Russian campaign against Khiva. The book is soon to be published.

The German Parliament refused to sit one day recently on account of the cold. It appears they can warm the house and they can ventilate it, but they cannot do both at the same time.

The oldest officer of the Prussian Army is Field Marshal Von Wrangel, who will complete next year the ninety-second year of his life, and the eightieth year of his service in the Prussian Army.

It is proposed to hold a Home Rule conference in Dublin on the 4th of January to resolve upon the course of action to be taken by the Home Rule members next session in the House of Commons.

Tenders are invited by the Lords of the British Admiralty for raising the Vanguard. The ship is to be raised whole, not in pieces, and payment is to be a lump sum, not a percentage on the value of the ship.

During the short period when the British National Gallery was closed in the Autumn, the rooms were newly decorated. The doors, &c., are now painted black, with gold reliefs, and the effect is said to be very satisfactory.

Semi-official Berlin journals now declare that the fifth article of the treaty of Prague ought not to be carried out. They say Prussia intends to keep all Schleswig, and to notify its decision in that regard very soon to the other powers.

At last the English Government has determined to consider the removal of Temple Bar. Lord H. Lennox has undertaken to give the project his attention, and also to consider the widening of Fleet street east and west of the gate.

The trials which have taken place at Oxford for the selection of the University crew next year are said to be not so good by several degrees as those of last year. This will be acceptable news to the American crews which are to compete in the International races at Philadelphia.

A great storm has been experienced at Gibraltar, in which scarcely a road or street escaped damage. Many houses were burst open by the force of the water, which, in some cases, was eight feet deep in the lower stories. Two vessels were wrecked, with a loss of fifteen lives.

Marshal MacMahon is said to have opened negotiations with the Pope, through the Archbishop of Paris, with a view to procure the aid of the clergy in the return to the new Assembly of Government candidates, the consideration being the nomination of several Ultramontanes as Senators.

A short time ago a poem was published in London entitled "Jonas Fisher; a Poem on Brown and White," which the *Examiner* in a review declared must have been written "either by Mr. Robert Buchanan or the devil." It is now authoritatively stated that it was not written by Mr. Buchanan.

The budget for the City of Paris for this year amounts to about $40,000,000, a large portion of which is to be expended in embellishments as well as improvements. The receipts as well as the expenses of the city have been quadrupled since 1847, although the population in the same period has not quite doubled itself.

The ancient burial-ground of the Chapel Royal Savoy has been acquired by the London Metropolitan Board of Works for the purpose of forming a new approach from the Strand to the Victoria Embankment, and the parish authorities have taken preliminary steps for the removal of the bodies interred there.

A telegram from Vienna to London states that snow has been falling incessantly. The trains to Italy and Hungary are stopped, and the stations temporarily closed. Goods traffic is entirely suspended on four lines. In Vienna the Police are taking special precautions to prevent accidents from the snow in the streets. In some of the country districts the snow is nine feet in depth.

The French papers report that a young lady daughter of M. Renols, principal of the school of Fontenay-le-Comte (Vendée) has just passed a brilliant examination for the degree of bachelor of letters, at the University of Poitiers. Among twenty-two candidates, she obtained the first places for French dissertation, and for Latin composition, and the second for Latin translation.

Cardinal Manning has been lecturing on national greatness. In the course of his address he said that he believed that in no country in the world was the administration of justice more unimpeachable than in England; in international justice, also, the nation held a foremost place. The Cardinal expressed his firm conviction that one way to prevent bloodshed was to be powerfully armed.

Col. Ahrendrup, whose death at the head of an Egyptian army corps, which was cut to pieces by the Abyssinians, was reported by telegraph, was a Dane by birth, and brother of the young Dr. Ahrendrup, who during the siege of Paris was placed at the head of all the French ambulances, and who, when he died from the effects of overwork, was granted a public funeral at the expense of the State, with all the honors due to a General of Division. A third brother is a distinguished officer in the Royal Danish Engineers.

A female "evangelist," known as "Preaching Mary," says a Glasgow paper, was in Galashiels on Sunday evening, accompanied by a male fellow worker, and while attempting to address the crowd in Roxburgh street the pair were mobbed. An address by the female speaker was closed with a prayer by her companion that the word spoken by his wife might be blessed to the audience, when he was interrupted by a shout that "Mary" was not his wife, and that he had deserted both wife and children in Berwickshire. The pair made off, followed by a hooting and hissing crowd, who afterward snowballed them, and forced them to take refuge for their lives in a friend's house.

"Good news," says the French correspondent of an English journal, "comes from Paris for railway travelers in France. The Orleans Railway Company—one of the six great French companies—has at last adopted the English plan of allowing people to circulate freely on its platforms, instead of cooping passengers up in those horrible *salles d'attente*, in which one always feels like a sheep in a pen. The Northern and Western Railway Companies are, I hear, thinking of following the good example. The abolition of the *salles d'attente* implies other equally desirable improvements, for it was the custom of French station-masters to make a pretty close estimate of the number of passengers in the sheep-pens, and then to 'make up' the train accordingly, with just enough carriages and no more. Now it will be impossible to do this, and one may hope never again to travel from Paris to Geneva (fourteen hours) as I once did, jammed in with seven fellow-creatures, two small dogs, and two babies."

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.

The San Francisco *Alta* of Dec. 16 says: "The offer of the Canadian Administration to give British Columbia $750,000 as compensation for all delays in the construction of the proposed Canadian Pacific Railroad will be rejected with indignation—if we read the signs of the times aright. The *Colonist*, which has supported the Dominion Cabinet, declares that the proposition cannot be accepted, and it calls upon the Provincial Legislature to act with caution, as the situation is of very grave importance. The Provincial Cabinet has convoked the Legislature to meet on the 10th of January—as soon as they can assemble leaving home after New Year's Day. Canada will lose the Province rather than build the road according to promise."

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS BY CABLE.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 24.—The Inman steamer City of Montreal sld. hence to-day for New-York.

ANTWERP, Dec. 24.—The steamer Vaderland, en route for Philadelphia, passed Flushing to-day at 3 P. M.

WHILE WAITING FOR A COUGH to go as it came, you are often laying the foundation for some pulmonary or bronchial affection. It is better to get rid of a cold at once by using that sure remedy, DR. D. JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT, which will cure the most stubborn cough, and relieve you of all anxiety as to dangerous consequences.—*Advertisement.*

HERBERT SPENCER'S Place in Modern Science, Leading Woman Journalists, Beauty and Brilliancy, No Ghosts, What is Woman's Work? [illegible] and [illegible], in the PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL for January. Price, 30 cents. New-York: S. R. WELLS & Co., No. 737 Broadway.—*Advertisement.*

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MARRIED.

BUTLER—TAYLOR.—On Thursday, Dec. 23, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Dr. Vincent, CHARLES S. BUTLER to SALLIE W. TAYLOR, daughter of Henry [illegible].

DALLEY—VOORHEES.—On Monday, Dec. 20, 1875, by Rev. H. D. Burtis, JOHN DALLEY to MRS. ADALINE VOORHEES, both of Washington Heights, N. Y.

GUION—GOLDMAN.—[illegible] St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Dec. 22, by Rev. J. [illegible], [illegible] to JULIA GOLDMAN, both of this City.

HOLMES—NORTHROP.—On Dec. 23, at New-Haven, Conn., [illegible] by Rev. Theodore Dwight Woolsey, LL. D., [illegible] to HARRIETTE E. C., daughter of Hon. B. G. Northrop.

MUNSON—LUDLAM.—On Thursday evening, Dec. 23, at the residence of the bride's [illegible], by Rev. [illegible] No cards.

NAILL—REDFIELD.—On Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1875, at the home of the bride's parents, Pittsfield, Mass., by Rev. Henry Neill, D. D., of Philadelphia, ANDY W. NAILL, [illegible] of Amherst College, Massachusetts. No cards.

ODDIE—THEARIN.—On Thursday, Dec. 23, at the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, by Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D., [illegible] to [illegible], daughter of John Thearin.

☞ Boston papers please copy.

TURNBULL—MEEHAN.—At Albany, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1875, by Rev. Edward Selkirk, JAMES R. TURNBULL to JOSEPHINE, eldest daughter of R. J. Meehan, Esq., all of this City.

DIED.

BARNES.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Dec. 23, MARY HYDE BARNES, wife of Demas Barnes, [illegible] of the *Argus*, and daughter of the late James Hyde, of Otsego County, in the 43d year of her age. Funeral services from her late residence, No. 98 First place, Brooklyn, on Sunday, at 2 P. M.

BRYAN.—On Thursday morning, Dec. 23, SARAH L. T. BRYAN, wife of John Bryan, in the 47th year of her age. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 154 West 29th st., on Saturday at 1 o'clock.

CHICHESTER.—In Brooklyn, on Dec. 24, LEWIS CHICHESTER, in the 81st year of his age.

COYLE.—Suddenly, at William's Bridge, on Monday, 20th inst., JOHN COYLE, in his 30th year. The relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral on Sunday, 26th inst., at 2:30 P. M., from the Methodist Church, William's Bridge.

CUTTING.—On Friday, December 24, in the 23d year of her age, NATHALIE, wife of [illegible] CUTTING, and daughter of the Rev. S. H. Schenck. Funeral services at St. Ann's Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, at 11:30 A. M., [illegible].

FITCH.—In Williamsburg, Dec. 24, [illegible], son of Hasey and Amelia B. Fitch, aged 3 years [illegible] months.

GUYON.—On Friday morning, Dec. 24, HENRY G. GUYON, in the 69th year of his age. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his son-in-law, Richard T. Rich, No. 145 Vanderbilt av., Brooklyn, on Sunday, the 26th inst., at 10 A. M. Remains to be taken to Moravian Cemetery, Staten Island.

HYDE.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Dec. 23, BARNABAS BROSS HYDE, in the 51st year of his age. Prayer at his late residence, No. 39 Quincy st., Saturday, Dec. 25, at 12 M. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. The remains will be taken to Franklin, Conn., for interment.

☞ Eastern Connecticut papers please copy.

HOWARD.—On Thursday, 23d inst., of membraneous croup, LOTTIE, youngest child of John W. and Lydia M. Howard, aged 5 years, 3 months, and 14 days. Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral on Sunday, 26th inst., at 2 P. M., from No. 291 Bushwick av., corner of DeKalb, Brooklyn, E. D.

KIRK.—Died at Oswego's Point, Westchester County, on Friday, 24th inst., of pneumonia, LEWIS J. KIRK, aged 45 years 5 months. Notice of funeral hereafter.

KITCHEN.—At the Winchester House, New-York, on Friday morning, Dec. 24, JOHN BENJAMIN JR., youngest child of Alice May and Frederick McHenry Kitchen, aged nearly 2 years. [illegible]

KNIGHT.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1875, FRANCIS E. KNIGHT, in the 70th year of her age. Funeral services at her late residence, No. 128 Warren st., on Sunday, the 26th inst., at [illegible] o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further notice.

LAZELL.—On Thursday, Dec. 23, in the 71st year of her age, WARREN LAZELL, of [illegible] Worcester, Mass. Funeral services at his late residence, No. 69 Livingston street, Brooklyn, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

MORGAN.—On Dec. 24, ELIAS MORGAN, mother of Asher R. Morgan, in the 84th year of her age. Notice of funeral hereafter.

McLEAN.—On Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1875, NEIL McLEAN, aged 50 years. The relatives and friends of the family, also members of Chancellor Walworth Lodge No. 271, F. and A. M., Triune Chapter 241, and Columbian Commandery No. 1, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Sunday 26th inst., at 1 P. M., from his late residence, No. 128 West 19th st.

NOURSE.—On Friday morning, Dec. 24, 1875, aged 8 years and 6 months, [illegible], son of Alfred P. and Camilla F. Nourse. Funeral from the residence of his parents, No. 29 West 36th st., at 9:30 A. M., Monday, 27th. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

ROBARTS.—On the 23d inst., at the residence of her son-in-law, W. H. Shipley, Mrs. MARY ANN ROBARTS, formerly of Cornwall, England, in the 75th year of her age. Funeral from No. 192 Ross st., Brooklyn, E. D., at 1 o'clock P. M., Sunday, Dec. 26.

SLOAT.—On Thursday morning, Dec. 23, JOHN DRAKE SLOAT, son of the late Rear Admiral Sloat. Funeral on Sunday at 1 o'clock, from No. 104 East 60th st., on Sunday, at 1 o'clock P. M.

SKIDMORE.—At Mount Vernon, N. Y., Dec. 23, Mrs. ABIGAIL SKIDMORE, in her 81st year. Funeral on Sunday, 26th inst., at 2 P. M., from her late residence in Stevens avenue, Mount Vernon, New-York. New-Haven and Hartford Railroad train leaves Grand Central Depot at 12 M.

WHITE.—On Friday, Dec. 24, after a protracted illness, JOHN H. WHITE, in the 35th year of his age. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Robertson, No. 92 East 10th st., Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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B. E. Peas, bags	78	Molasses, (N.O.,) bbls.	1,597
Bees-wax, pks.	6	Spirits Turp., bbls.	308
Cotton, bales	5,509	Resin, bbls.	4,887
Cotton-seed Oil, bbls	50	Oil-cake, pks.	3,374
Copper, bbls.	25	Pork, pks.	3,733
Dried Fruit, pks.	48	Beef, pks.	121
Eggs, bbls.	472	Cut-meats, pks.	2,969
Flour, bbls.	9,770	Grease, pks.	56
Wheat, bushels	46,552	Lard, pks.	1,837
Corn, bushels	83,958	Stearine, pks.	120
Oats, bushels	21,426	Butter, pks.	3,865
Rye, bushels	520	Cheese, pks.	3,523
Malt, bushels	1,070	Tallow, pks.	626
Barley, bushels	500	Dressed Hogs, No.	263
Grass-seed, bags	153	Pea-nuts, bags	1,346
Flax-seed, bbls.	6	Sugar, bbls.	527
Beans, bbls.	371	Sugar, bxs.	30
Peas, bushels	630	Starch, bxs.	500
Corn-meal, bbls.	700	Tea, half chests	244
Corn-meal, bags	706	Tobacco, hhds.	121
Flax, bales	315	Tobacco, bxs. & cases	329
Hops, bales	750	Whisky, bbls.	353
Hides, No.	4,425	Wool, bales	484
Hides, bales	193	Silk, pks.	528
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BOOTS AND SHOES—Jobbers report a fair business in desirable styles of work, at about late figures. The wholesale dealings are confined to the more urgent wants of buyers, chiefly for assorting purposes. Through the auction rooms considerable quantities of stock are being marketed, but at very irregular prices. Finishing goods are dull at old quotations.

BRICKS—Meet with a moderate call, to meet current requirements, at essentially unaltered figures.

CANDLES—Have been in limited demand at former figures, with Adamantine quoted at 13c.@17c.; Paraffine, 20c.@21c.; Sperm, plain, 29c.@30c.; Sperm, patent, 38c.@39c.; Stearic, 27c.@28c. ⅌ lb.

COFFEE—Dull and drooping; Rio, invoices, quoted nominally at 16¾c.@19¼c., gold; sales, 6,000 bags, by the L. L. Squires, on private terms.

COTTON—Has been in limited request for early delivery at essentially unchanged prices....Ordinary now quoted at 10⅝c.; Low Middling, 12 11-16c.@12 15-16c.; Middling, 13¼c.@13 7-16c. ⅌ lb. Sales were officially reported, for prompt delivery, of 868 bales, (of which 594 bales were on last evening,) including —— bales to shippers, 251 bales to spinners, 117 bales to speculators, and 500 bales in transit....There has been a moderate movement noted for forward delivery, with December and January options quoted 1-32c. lower, February and March unaltered, and later options 1-32c. ⅌ lb. higher. Sales have been reported since our last of 13,800 bales, (of which 2,700 bales were on last evening and 11,100 bales to-day,) with 600 bales on the calls, on the basis of Middling, with December options closing at 13 1-32c.@13 1-16c.; January, 13⅛c.; February, 13 11-32c.@13⅜c.; March, 13⅝c.; April, 13⅞c.; May, 14 1-16c.@14 3-32c.; June, 14 9-32c.@14 5-16c.; July, 14 7-16c.@14½c.; August, 14½c.@14 9-16c....The receipts at this port to-day were 5,509 bales, and at all the shipping ports were 27,644 bales, against 31,185 bales same day last week, and for the week, 197,191 bales, against 195,109 bales last week....The receipts at all the shipping ports since Sept. 1, 1875, have been 2,153,920 bales, against 1,980,557 bales the corresponding time in the preceding Cotton year....Consolidated exports (six days) to Great Britain from all the shipping ports, 60,791 bales; to the Continent, 39,447 bales....Stock in New-York to-day, 126,719 bales; consolidated stock at the ports, 755,920 bales.

COOPERAGE STOCK—Has been in rather limited request, yet quoted steady.

CORDAGE—Has been selling slowly, mainly in job lots, at previous nominal quotations.

DRUGS, DYES, AND DYE-WOODS—A moderate movement has been reported in most kinds of stock, since our last, with values generally quoted as without important change.

FIRE-CRACKERS—Have been slow of sale within the range of $2 30@$2 35 for No. 1, short and full count.

FERTILIZERS—Rather more demand has been noted for supplies, and prices have been fairly supported.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been generally very dull and difficult to place without further concessions, especially lots on dock. Export call mostly for City Mill product for West Indies. Rather more inquiry for unsound Extras, within our range. Sales have been reported since our last of 9,850 bbls., of all grades, including unsound lots, at $4@$5 85, mainly at $4 50@$5 25; very inferior to choice No. 2 Flour, $3 25@$4 10, mainly at $3 50@$3 80; poor to fancy Superfine and Western at $4 30@$4 75; inferior to choice Extra State, $4 85@$5 35, 35@$5; choice to fancy do., $5 35@$5 85; City Mills Extra, $5 10@$6 75, chiefly at $6@$6 30; poor to very choice shipping Extra Western at $4 80@$5 35, chiefly at $5 25@$5 50; round-hoop Ohio at $4 80@$5 35 for small lots and lines; very poor to very choice Minnesota Extras, plain, $5 15@$7 15, and patent at $6 50@$9 50, chiefly at $7 25@$7 90, and trade and family Extras within the previous range. Included in the sales have been 4,900 bbls. shipping stock, mostly City Mill product, on the basis of our quotations....Southern Flour dull and heavy within yesterday's range; 550 bbls. sold....Rye Flour unchanged; sales, 800 bbls., mainly at $5 25@$5 50 for choice and fancy Superfine....Corn-meal more active, but easier and irregular in price; sales, 1,170 bbls., including 100 bbls. Brandywine at $3 90, from dock, and 800 bbls. low grade Yellow Western at $3 20@$3 25....Buckwheat Flour lower and quiet, within the range of $2 15@$2 60 ⅌ 100 lb.

FRUIT—Trade has been less active, but prices have not varied materially in the leading instances. Sales are 1,500 bxs. layer Raisins at $2 80; 1,500 bxs. loose Muscatel do, $3@$3 15; 2,000 half bxs. Valencia Raisins at 10½c.@10¾c.; 175 bags Bordeaux Walnuts, 1,500 bags Almonds on private terms; 400 bbls. Currants at 7⅜c.; 50 cks. Turkey Prunes, 5⅞c.@6⅛c.

GRAIN—Wheat extremely dull to-day; values nominally unchanged. No boat-loads reported sold. Prime No. 2 Milwaukee Spring, in store, quoted at $1 23½, bid. Three car-loads of Red Western and two car-loads of Spring sold (together) at $1 09, and odd lots reported at $1 15@$1 17½ for Mixed Spring, and $1 for Rejected do., afloat....Corn has been more active but again quoted lower, under more liberal offerings. Demand partly for export. Sales have been reported since our last of 62,000 bushels, at 74c. for prime sailing vessel Mixed Western, (about 4,000 bushels;) 68c.@69c. for sailing vessel do., New-York inspection, (10,500 bushels, mainly at 68c.;) 58c.@66c. for damp to choice dry new Mixed Western, mostly at 65c. for Mixed and 64c. for low grade do., New-York inspection; 65c.@66c. for new Yellow Western; 58c. for "no grade" new Mixed Western, New-York inspection; 66c.@68c. for new White Southern, the latter rate for choice dry, and 65½c.@66c. for new Yellow Southern....Rye, Malt, Peas, Buckwheat, and Seeds nominally as last quoted....Of Barley, sales were reported of only 1,000 bushels six-rowed Jefferson County at $1 14; and two car-loads of two-rowed State at 90c., on track; market nominally unchanged....Oats quoted essentially as in our last, on, however, unimportant dealings, sales having been confined to about a dozen car-loads within the previous range....Hay, Straw, and Feed without important alteration....Of Calcutta Linseed, 600 bags and 9,175 pockets (to arrive) sold at $1 90, gold, ⅌ 56 lb.

HIDES—Have been in fair request at firm prices; sales reported to-day of 1,500 Dry California and 5,571 Dry Texas, (the latter mostly to arrive,) on private terms, and 1,300 City Slaughter at 9c. ⅌ lb.

HOPS—Have been in fair demand, in part for export, with values ruling firm, especially so for the better qualities, which have been offered quite sparingly....New-York State, new crop, quoted at 10c.@15c., (with choice to fancy at higher figures;) Eastern, 10c.@15c.; Wisconsin, 10c.@15c.; Yearlings, 8c.@10c.; Olds, all growths, 4c.@6c.; California, 17c.@20c....The receipts for the week were 2,360 bales, and since Sept. 1, 1875, as made up by Mr. Emmet Wells, 39,306 bales, against 32,731 bales same period in 1874; export clearances for the week, 823 bales; since Sept. 1, 1875, 18,276 bales, against 12,014 bales same period in 1874. Mr. Wells says: "There is a growing scarcity of fine Hops, and no large orders could be executed on the market for London account at this time without calling into requisition a goodly proportion of stock known as 'seconds' in quality; in other words, we think a shipper would find it difficult to execute an order for 500 bales just suited to his wants. The fact is the Hops are not here, and it would probably require a good deal of riding around to find them in the country, as we know that most of the important districts have already been well scoured, and nearly all the best growths taken for export and already shipped."

LEATHER—There has been a moderate movement noted in most kinds on a generally steady basis as to values. The export call for Hemlock tannages of Sole has been fair; manufacturers have been buying rather reservedly. Oak and Union crop tannages held with confidence, though not remarkably active. Upper Leather in demand; Morocco also inquired for, but Harness Leather is very slow of sale, as a rule, within the previous range.

METALS—Copper steady on a moderate call for Ingot, with sales of 250,000 lb. at 23¼c.@23⅜c. ⅌ lb....Iron has been less active within the previous range; sales, 600 tons No. 1 American Pig at $23@$24; 100 tons do. and 300 tons common, on private terms; and 50 tons Eglinton Pig at $29 50, ex ship....American Steel Rails in very good demand for next year's delivery, with further contracts reported closed for 25,000 tons within the range of $65@$68, currency, at the works....Lead, Spelter, and Zinc, as last quoted, and quiet....Regulus Antimony in request, and held confidently at 14½c., gold....Tin has been moderately sought after, with prices quoted somewhat irregular; sales, 250 bxs. Coke Tin at $6 62½, gold; and (rumored) 1,500 bxs., for forward delivery, at $6 62½, gold....Straits Tin quoted at 19¼c., gold.

MOLASSES—Of New-Orleans, 400 bbls. sold at 54c.@60c. for prime to very choice; market otherwise very dull.

NAILS—Have been selling very moderately since our last, on the basis of $2 90@$3 for common Fence and Sheathing in a jobbing way.

NAVAL STORES—Quite dull to-day; quotations essentially as before. Strained to good Strained Resin, $1 65@$1 75 ⅌ 280 lb....Spirits Turpentine, merchantable, 36½c. ⅌ gallon....Sales, 600 bbls. Resin, at $2@$4 ⅌ 280 lb., and 270 bbls. merchantable Spirits Turpentine, at 36½c. ⅌ gallon.

OIL-CAKE—Has been in less request, with Western, in bags, quoted at $46, currency; City quoted $41 50@$42 50, gold.

OILS—Whale and Sperm have been quoted firm, though without much animation. Linseed has been slow of sale at former figures. Lard, Menhaden, Olive, Cotton-seed, and Red Oils in moderate request and essentially unchanged in price. Palm, Cod, Resin, and Cocoa-nut Oils, as last quoted, on a light movement. Other kinds nominally as before.

PETROLEUM—Crude quiet at 7⅛c., in bulk, and 10¼c.@10⅜c., in shipping order, for early delivery....Refined inactive, with early delivery quoted at 12⅞c....Refined, in cases, 16½c.@19c.; sales, 10,000 cases at 17c....Naphtha at 8¾c.@9½c. for City....Refined Petroleum at Philadelphia, early delivery, quoted at 12⅝c....At Baltimore, Refined, for early delivery, at 12¼c. ⅌ gallon, on sales of 13,000 bbls.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been inactive, with prices quoted weak. Sales for early delivery have been reported of only small lots of new Western Mess on the basis of $20 75@$21....Western Prime Mess quoted at $19 50; City do., $21 75; Extra Prime, $15@$16 ⅌ bbl....And for forward delivery of Western Mess sales were made of 1,250 bbls., December options, at $21@$21 10, with January option quoted at $20 80; February option at $20 75; March at $20 75 ⅌ bbl....Dressed Hogs in somewhat better demand, with City quoted at 8½c.@9¼c. for heavy to light; Pigs at 9⅜c....Cut-meats have been in pretty fair request at previous quotations....Sales small lots of Rib Bellies, in bulk, at 11c.@12c.; 70 bxs. Clear Bellies at 12c.@12¼c.; 50 bxs. Rib Bellies on private terms; and sundry small lots of City bulk stock within our range. Also 100 bxs. dry-salted Shoulders at 8¼c. ⅌ lb....Bacon in moderate demand, with City Long Clear quoted at 10¾c.; Western Long Clear at 10⅝c.@10¾c.; sales, 100 bxs. City at 10¾c.; and 100 half-bxs. do. at 11c....Western Lard has been in very moderate demand, for both prompt and forward delivery, opening rather more firmly, but closing in favor of buyers....Of Western Steam, for early delivery here, sales have been reported of 50 tcs. choice at 12 15-16c., closing with prime quoted at 12⅞c....And for forward delivery of Western Steam sales have been made of 750 tcs., seller December, at 12⅞c.; 500 tcs., seller January, at 12 15-16c., closing at this rate asked; 500 tcs., seller February, at 13⅛c., with March quoted at 13¼c....City Lard quiet and easier in price, with sales reported of 60 tcs. City Steam at 12¾c.@12⅞c., and small lots of No. 1 do. at 12½c. ⅌ lb....Refined Lard in moderate demand, with sales reported of 300 tcs. for the Continent at 13½c.; 150 tcs. for the West Indies at 12⅝c.; 150 tcs. for South America at 13½c., and 150 tcs. for an out port at 13c. ⅌ lb....Beef unchanged; sales, 60 bbls. and 50 tcs....Beef Hams, Butter, Cheese, and Eggs essentially as last quoted....Tallow has been moderately inquired for, with sales of 60,000 lb. good to strictly prime Country at 9⅝c.@10c., with choice City quoted at 10c.@10⅛c. ⅌ lb....Stearine dull, with prime Western, in tcs., quoted at 13¼c.; prime to choice City, 13¼c.@13⅜c.

SALT—Has been quoted firm, on a fairly active business, with Liverpool Ground quoted firm at from $1@$1 10; Liverpool Fine at $1 60@$2 60, from store; Turk's Island, in bulk, 23c.@25c.; St. Martin's, 30c.

SALTPETRE—Nominal at 5⅛c.@5¼c., gold.

SOAP—Has been in fair request at steady rates, with Castile quoted at 8½c.@9c.; Colgate's Family, 8½c., currency; Eureka, 7c.@7½c., and W. F. Taylor's Family, 7c., less usual discount.

SPICES—Trade has been very moderate since our last, and almost wholly in job lots, with Mace quoted at $1 05@$1 12½; No. 1 Nutmegs, $1@$1 05; Cassia, 23c.@23½c.; Cloves, 47c.@47½c.; East India Pepper, 14c.@15c.; White Pepper, 22½c.@24c.; Pimento, 13½c.; Ginger, 9c.@11c., gold, ⅌ lb.

STARCH—Has been in good request at unchanged prices, with Western Corn quoted at 4¼c.@5c., and Potato at 4¾c.@5c. ⅌ lb.

SUMAC—Has been quoted firm, with Sicily at from $85@$140 for inferior to strictly choice, afloat and from store, and Virginia from $75@$85 ⅌ ton, on a moderate inquiry.

SUGARS—Raw very quiet to-day, with fair to good refining quoted nominal at 8c.@8¼c. Sales, 700 bxs. Centrifugal at 9c.; and 578 bxs. Molasses Sugar at 7½c.@7¾c. ⅌ lb. Refined unchanged.

TOBACCO—Has been in rather limited request at unchanged prices. Sales reported, since our last, of 200 hhds. Kentucky Leaf at 7c.@17c.; 135 cases 1874 Connecticut, Seed Leaf, 40 cases 1873 do., and 178 cases 1873 and 1874. do., on private terms; 100 cases sundry growths at 7c.@10c.; and 100 bales Havana at 88c.@$1 15 ⅌ lb.

WHISKY—Dull and nominal at $1 15½....Of Alcohol, 50 bbls. reported sold at $2 17, free, ⅌ gallon.

WOOL—A fairly active business has been reported in most kinds of domestic product at generally unchanged prices. Manufacturers have been operating mostly in Domestic Fleece and Pulled, in Scoured Wool, and in California and Texas Wool. Sales have been reported, since our last, of equal to 105,000 lb. Domestic Fleece, in lots, part at 36c.@48c.; 67,000 lb. Scoured Wool, part at 56c.@57½c.; 403 bags and 10,000 lb. Domestic Pulled, part at 40c.@45c.; 255,000 lb. Texas, part at 23c., but mainly on private terms; 65 bales and 251,000 lb. California Fall at 13c.@23½c.; 192 bales and 41,500 lb. California Spring at 20c.@28½c.; 100 bales East India at 34c., 8,000 lb. do., and 1,000 lb. Donskoi on private terms; 16 bales Mexican Noils at 45c.; 6,500 lb. unwashed Combing Fleece at 45c.; 15,000 lb. Nevada, 10,000 lb. Colorado, and 10 bales and 8,000 lb. Oregon, on private terms; 20 bales and 3,000 lb. Domestic Noils at 45c.@68c. ⅌ lb.

FREIGHTS—The berth freight movement has been comparatively fair, with Grain rates, by steam, ruling somewhat firmer; otherwise quotations unchanged. And in the chartering line, trade has been very slow, with rates quoted steady; tonnage for Petroleum and Grain most inquired for, partly to arrive....For Liverpool, the engagements reported, since our last have been, by sail, small lots of Flour (reported) at 3s. 3d. ⅌ bbl.; and by steam, 26,000 bushels Grain, at 10½d.@11d. ⅌ bushel; 1,500 bales Cotton at 13-32d.@7-16d. ⅌ lb.; 20 tons Leather at 80s., and 130 tons Provisions at 50s. ⅌ ton; also, a British bark, (to arrive,) with about 3,400 bales Cotton, from Norfolk, reported at £2 ⅌ ton....For London, by sail, 500 bbls. Flour at 3s.; 2,000 bbls. Oil-cake, at 3s. 3d. ⅌ bbl., and 10 hhds. Tobacco at 35s.; and, by steam, 16,000 bushels Grain, part at 11½d. ⅌ 60 lb.; 75 tons Measurement Goods at 30s.@32s. 6d.; 4,500 bxs. Cheese at 50s. ⅌ ton; 150 pks. Tallow and 4,500 Staves on private terms; and 200 bales Hops at ¾d. ⅌ lb.; also, a British bark, 582 tons, with about 3,900 bbls. Refined Petroleum, from Philadelphia, (a recharter,) at 5s. 3d. ⅌ bbl....For Glasgow, by steam, 36,000 bushels Grain, reported at 10½d. ⅌ 60 lb.; and 30 tons Provisions at 50s. ⅌ ton....For Bristol, by steam, 1,000 bbls. Flour at 4s. ⅌ bbl.; and 300 tons Oil-cake on private terms.....For a direct port in the United Kingdom, (east coast of Great Britain and west coast of Ireland excluded,) a British brig, 364 tons, (to arrive,) with about 2,300 quarters Grain, from Baltimore, at 7s. 3d. ⅌ quarter....For Havre, by steam, 2,500 pks. Provisions and 100 bales Cotton on private terms; also, an American bark, 637 tons, hence, with about 4,000 bbls. Crude Petroleum at 5s. 3d. ⅌ bbl, (with option of Bordeaux.)....For Antwerp, by steam, 1,500 tcs. Lard at 45s. ⅌ ton; also, a British bark, 745 tons, with about 4,500 bbls. Refined Petroleum, from Philadelphia, at 5s. 4½d. ⅌ bbl....For Marseilles, an American brig, 347 tons, placed on the berth hence, for general cargo....For Trieste, an Italian bark, 446 tons, with about 2,500 bbls. Refined Petroleum, from Philadelphia, (a recharter,) at 6s. 6d. ⅌ bbl....For Port Limon, an American schooner, 144 tons, with Lumber from Jacksonville, reported at $10....For Havana, an American schooner, about 5,500 bbls. capacity, hence, with general cargo, reported at $1,800, currency....For Matanzas, an American brig, 438 tons, hence, with Empty Casks, reported at $1, and Cooperage Stock at 20c. and $6....For the north side of Cuba and back to Philadelphia, an American schooner, 304 tons, reported at $5 for Sugar, $4 50 for Melado, and $3 for Molasses....For Port au Prince, an American schooner, 197 tons, hence, with Lumber, reported at about $6....For Hayti, a schooner, with Lumber, from Wilmington, at $7....For Pernambuco, an American brig, 238 tons, with Flour, from Baltimore, reported at $1 ⅌ bbl....For ports north of Hatteras, an American schooner, 199 tons, with Logwood, from St. Domingo, reported at $4 50 ⅌ ton; and two American schooners, with Salt, from Cadiz, at 11c. ⅌ bushel....For Boston, three schooners, hence, with Coal, at $1 95@$2 ⅌ ton.

CIRCUMVENTING THE BURGLARS.

The New-Haven *Journal* says that a young man in that city put his inventive talent at work recently in view of the recent burglarious operations in the city, where nippers were used. The result of a little leisure time spent in this direction is, that he fixed the end of the key which the burglars' nippers take hold of, so that it turns around, and nippers are thus rendered useless for the purpose indicated. All his friends are calling on him to fix their door keys in the same way, and wonder why they did not think of the simple expedient before.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

No business was transacted at the Exchange yesterday, Friday, Dec. 24, the auctions noticed being disposed of as follows: Sale by James M. Miller of a house and lot on West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, east of Sixth avenue, property withdrawn, the foreclosure proceedings having been arranged. Sale by E. H. Ludlow & Co., of the house and lot No. 214 West Forty-sixth street, west of Broadway, adjourned to the 29th inst. Sale by R. V. Harnett of two houses and lots on East Eighty-sixth street, west of Third avenue, adjourned to Jan. 7. Sale by William Kennelly of two houses and lots on Second avenue, north of Forty-fifth street, adjourned to same last-named date; and sale by Mr. Miller of a house and plot on Seventh avenue and Broadway, north of Forty-second street, adjourned to same date. To-day the Exchange is closed.

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Thursday, Dec. 23.

24th st., s. s., 268.4 4-5 ft. e. of 3d av., 24.4 4-5x half block, leasehold; James M. Smith to William Loughran, Jr.	$3,000
Opdyke av., s. s., 300 ft. w. of 2d st., 25x100 24th Ward; William Barnard and wife to J. Potter	nom.
24th st., s. s., 300 ft. e. of 2d av., 25x98.8; Robert Carty and wife to Harriet Hess	10,000
24th st., s. s., 219.9 ft. e. of 2d av.; Robert Carty and wife to T. A. Rogers	7,000
56th st., n. s., 150 ft. w. of 6th av., 175x100; Terence Farley and wife to Richard S. Trecey	nom.
39th st., s. s., 350 ft. w. of 10th av., 25x98.9; Aaron Herzbeg and wife to John Comes	20,000
24th st., s. s., 300 ft. e. of 2d av., 25x98.9; Harriet Hess and husband to Sarah Carty	10,500
2d av., e. s., 24.8x98.9; also, Grand st., No. 75, e. of Goerck st., 25x75; also, 100 ft. from Morris av., 23d Ward; Ferdinand Hopp to George C. Reisenweber	nom.
King's Bridge road, n. s., 25 ft. e. of Emerson st., 25x100; Max Kamak and wife to Aaron Kamak	14,300
52d st., n. s., 304.6 ft. e. of 2d av., 20x100.5; Henry Klingenstein and wife to Bonette Maunheimer	1,250
23d st., n. w. corner of Avenue A, 81.5x98.9; David M. Koehler to Herrman Koebler	11,500
111th st., s. s., 80 ft. w. of 2d av., 20x100.11; George W. McCullom to Charles T. Cromwell	500
3d av., w. s., 30 ft. s. of Van Corlear st., 25x100; Jane Murtha to Charles H. Downes	500
74th st., n. s., 260 ft. e. of 5th av., 40x102.2; Maria Mulock to Charles W. Schofield	nom.
59th st., No. 239, n. p., 130 ft. w. of 2d av., 25x100; Rosolie Newberger to W. H. Johnston	nom.
24th st., s. s., 219.9 ft. e. of 2d av.; Ambrose Rogers to Sarah Carty	7,000
2d av., e. s., 24.8x98.9; also, Grand st., n. s., 75 ft. e. of Georck st., 25x75; also, 100 ft. from Morris av., 23d Ward; George C. Reisenweber and wife to Catharine Hopp	nom.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

AN ELEGANT NORTH-WEST CORNER ON Madison av., Murray Hill, for sale at a sacrifice; size, 28 by 95 feet; built by owner in the best manner, and elegantly finished and decorated.

ALSO,

NO. 238 MADISON AV., 34 feet wide; new and handsome. Apply to

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FOR SALE—ON 54TH ST., JUST EAST OF 5TH av., one of the most superior and best-constructed full-sized houses in the City; handsomely frescoed and in the best of order; can be bought quite reasonably.

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A FINE FOUR-STORY BROWN-STONE English basement twenty-foot house for sale, near Madison av. and 21st st.; $10,000 expended in improvements; price $28,000. F. G. & C. S. BROWN, No. 90 Broadway.

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A HANDSOME FOUR-STORY BROWN-STONE house, 19x60x100, for sale on 45th st., between 5th and 6th avs.; hardwood finish; price, $29,000.

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BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

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FOR SALE—A FINELY LOCATED FARM AT Wanagua, Passaic County, three miles from Pompton Church; good buildings; well watered; well located for a dairy farm; one-fourth mile distant from Station Montclair and Greenwood Lake Railroad. Terms easy. Address A. VAN HOUTEN, Wanagua, Passaic County, New-Jersey.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, LANDS, and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by WALTER E. SMITH, formerly Blackwell & Smith, Orange, corner of Main and Cone sts.

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REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

WHEATLAND

Rail Mills and Blast Furnaces

FOR SALE.

WE WILL OFFER AT AUCTION, ON THE PREMISES,

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AT 1 O'CLOCK P. M.,

The above-named valuable property, located at Wheatland, Mercer County, Penn., on the line of the Erie and Pittsburg Railroad, and having track connection with A. and G. W. R. R.

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Also, 800 shares, being two-thirds interest of

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Together with certain leases and royalties on coal in mines now being operated by said company, a detailed description of which will be furnished on application.

TERMS—One-half cash, $10,000 of which (either in cash or approved certified check) will be required at time of sale, remainder of cash payment on tender of deed; balance in one, two, and three years, with interest, and secured by bond and close mortgage, with scire facias clause, on the premises.

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JOHN J. SPEARMAN,
H. W. OLIVER, JR.,

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MALES.

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COACHMAN.—BY A GENTLEMAN FOR HIS coachman, who has been in his employ for six years; he is a thorough horseman; I will give all satisfaction to any one that will call on me. Address D. S. I., Box No. 284 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

ASSOCIATION HALL.

Rev. M. WOOLSEY STRYKER, of the Auburn Theological Seminary, will speak Sunday evening, 26th inst., at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. THOMSON'S BIBLE CLASS, 5 o'clock. Meetings for young men, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, in the lecture room, and Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock, in parlors. Daily union prayer-meeting at 3:30 o'clock, in the lecture room; Friday, at 4 o'clock, in hall.

ANTHON MEMORIAL CHURCH, 48TH ST., west of 6th av., Rev. R. Heber Newton, Rector.—Christmas Day, Holy Communion and address by the Rector at 10:30 A. M. The music of Gounod's Communion Office will be given; also, Barnby's "King all Glorious," &c. The chorus assisted by Mlle. Selvi and others; George F. Le Jeune, organist and director. Services on Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 3:30 P. M., the Rector preaching. Children's Christmas service in the afternoon.

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH, 14TH ST., BEtween 6th and 7th avs., Rev. William J. Seabury, Rector.—Christmas Day, services at 7 and 10:30 A. M. and 5 P. M. Sunday, holy communion, 7:30 A. M.; morning prayer, 10:30 A. M.; evening prayer, (choral,) 4 P. M. Service and sermon in the German language at 7:30 P. M.

ALLEN STREET M. E. CHURCH, BETWEEN Delancey and Rivington sts.—Preaching morning by Rev. G. F. Kettell, D. D. Evening by the Pastor, Rev. Charles E. Harris. Subject, "Valedictory of 1875. Watch night services on Friday evening at 9 o'clock.

AT WASHINGTON SQUARE METHODIST Episcopal Church, Christmas Sabbath, the Pastor, Rev. William Lloyd, will preach. Morning subject—"The Angel's Song." Evening—"No Room for Him in the Inn." Young people's prayer meeting at 6:30 P. M. Strangers cordially invited.

AT FIFTH AVENUE BABTIST CHURCH, West 46th st.—Rev. Thomas Armitage, D. D., Pastor, will preach on Sunday; services 10:30 and 7:30 o'clock. Subject—Morning, "Why was Jesus Born?" Evening, "Nothing but Leaves." Sunday-school, 9 A. M. All cordially welcome.

ADVENT MEETINGS.—ELDER HIRUM MUNger, of Massachusetts, will preach at No. 138 West 24th st., at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., and at Room No. 24 Cooper Institute, at 3 P. M., and at watch-meeting, 24th st., Dec. 31.

AMERICAN TEMPERANCE UNION, ROBinson Hall, 16th st., near Broadway.—Dec. 26, 3 P. M., W. H. Barnes, Esq., will speak on "The Closing Year." Election at close of meeting.
L. C. COLE, Secretary. W. H. BARNES, President.

ADAM AND CHRIST.—THE PASTOR OF Mount Zion, Bishop Snow, will preach in the University, Washington square, on Sunday, at 3 P. M. Seats free. Subject—"Christ as the Second Adam and the Everlasting Father." Let the people hear.

AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CLINTON ST., corner Carroll st., Brooklyn.—Services on Christmas day at 11 A. M. Rev. J. F. Jowitt will officiate.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, 4TH AV., CORNER 20th st.—Rev. Dr. Bellows will preach this day, Christmas, at 11 A. M. Public cordially invited.

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNER Bedford and Downing sts.—Preaching next Sabbath, 26th inst., by the Pastor, Rev. L. G. Barrett, at 10:30 A. M. and at 7:30 P. M., Missionary anniversary exercises, when Rev. John Hall will deliver an address. All are invited.

BEDFORD STREET M. E. CHURCH, corner Bedford and Morton sts.—Rev. G. H. Gregory, Pastor, will preach to-morrow (Sunday,) morning at 10:30, and in the evening at 7 o'clock; seats free; all are welcome.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR,

57th st., near 8th av.,
JAMES M. PULLMAN, Pastor.
SUNDAY MORNING at 11,
Christmas Sermon.
Evening 7:45.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, (PRESBYterian,) corner Park av. and 35th st., Rev. Marvin R. Vincent, D. D., Pastor.—Rev. Mark Hopkins, D. D., of Williams College, will preach in this church Sunday morning; services at 11 o'clock. At 3:30 P. M. a service of worship and praise, with sermon by the Pastor. Sunday-school at 9:30 A. M. Lecture Wednesday at 7:45 P. M.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES, corner 9th av. and 28th st.—Christmas Day—Services at 11 A. M.; sermon by Rev. R. E. Terry. Sunday—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Mr. Terry will preach in the morning, and Rev. R. C. Rogers, Secretary for Indian Mission, will preach a sermon in the evening before the Woman's Missionary Association.

CHURCH OF THE STRANGERS, MERCER st., near 8th.—Dr. Deems is to preach at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The morning—"Let us now go even to Bethlehem." The evening—"Numbering our days." All seats free. Gentlemen ushers meet strangers at the door.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 23D ST., between 5th and 6th avs.—Rev R. S. MacArthur, Pastor, preaches Sunday. Subject for morning: "The Story of the Redeemer's Birth." For the evening: "Lessons at the Manger." Strangers cordially welcomed.

C. B. LYNN, ESQ., LECTURES AT 10:30 A.M.—Subject, "Rational Spiritualism;" 7:30 P.M., "Shakerism." Children's Lyceum meets 2:30 P. M., at hall of Society Progressive Spiritualists, No. 55 West 33d st., near Broadway.

CHRIST CHURCH.

Sunday Morning Prayer and Sermon, 10:30.
Evening Prayer and Sermon, 7:30.
DR. THOMPSON OFFICIATES.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, 34TH ST. and Park av.—Rev. Wm. R. Alger will preach at 11 A. M.; subject—"The Historic Messiahship of Jesus Christ. Evening, at 7:30—"The Landing of the Pilgrims and what has come of it."

CANAL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, in Greene st., near Canal.—Rev. H. B. Chapin will preach to-morrow at 10:30 and 3:30. Christmas Festival of Sunday-school Thursday evening, 30th. All welcome.

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, 85TH st., between Lexington and 3d avs., Rev. John W. Trimble, Rector.—Divine service and the Lord's Supper on Christmas morning, at 10:45. All are cordially invited to attend.

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, 85TH st., between Lexington and 3d avs., Rev. John W. Trimble, Rector. Services Sunday, Dec. 26, 1875, at 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2:30 P. M. All are cordially invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS RECEPTION OF THE CHILdren's Fold, No. 157 East 60th st., at 3 P. M., Wednesday, 29th. Patrons and friends cordially invited. WILLIAM H. NEWMAN, Treasurer, 58 Wall st.

CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH, 7TH AV., NEAR 14th st., Rev. C. S. Harrower, Pastor; morning service 10:30; subject—"The Three Stars;" people's service, 7:30 P. M.; subject—"Immanuel."

CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST, 5TH av., above 45th st.—Rev. Dr. Howland, Rector. Service, Christmas, 11 A. M.; Sunday, 11 A. M., 3:30 P. M.

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION, MADison av. and 35th st., Rev. Arthur Brooks, Rector.—Divine service, 10:30 A. M. and 3:30 P. M. Dr. Cook will preach at 3:30 P. M.

DR. JOHN HALL

Will deliver the address at the MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY of Berean Baptist Sabbath-school, corner Bedford and Downing sts., Sunday evening, Dec. 26, 1875.

FIRST REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Madison av., corner of 47th st., Rev. Wm. T. Sabine, Rector.—Divine service Christmas at 11 o'clock A. M. Sunday—Divine services at 10:30 A. M., and 7:45 P. M. the Rector will preach. Children's service at 3 o'clock P. M. Decoration of the Sunday-school Wednesday evening, Dec. 29.

FOURTH REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN Church, West 48th st., between 8th and 9th avs.—Services to-morrow, (26th,) at 10:30 A. M., and 3:30 P. M. Subjects—Forenoon, "The Closing Year," Luke, xiii., 8. Afternoon, "Thoughts on a Future Life," First John, iii., 2.

FIVE POINTS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, NO. 155 Worth st., William F. Barnard, Superintendent. Christmas carols, glees, calisthenics, exercises, &c., wholly by the children, at 1 o'clock. Dinner at 3 o'clock. Public cordially invited to enjoy the day with us.

FOURTEENTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN Church, corner 2d av., Rev. Frank H. Marling, Pastor.—Divine services to-morrow at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.; Sabbath-school at 9 A. M.; young people's prayer-meeting 6:45 P. M. Strangers are welcome.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNER 39TH st. and 4th av.—Preaching at 10:30 A. M., by the Pastor, Rev. T. D. Anderson, D. D. Service of song, 7:30. Evening 8 o'clock, sermon by Pastor. Sunday-school at 9 A. M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 5TH av. and 11th st.—Wm. M. Paxton, D. D., Pastor, will preach at 10:30 A. M. and 3:30 P. M. Strangers cordially invited.

FIFTY-THIRD STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, near Broadway.—Rev. J. B. Simons, D. D., will preach Sunday next at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2 P. M.

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 34th st., near Broadway.—Rev. Joseph R. Kerr, Pastor of this church, will preach to-morrow; services begin in the morning at 10:30, and afternoon at 3:30.

MACDOUGAL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, opposite Vandam st.—Preaching by the Pastor, Rev. Joseph J. Muir, at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M. All are welcome.

M. WOOLSEY STRYKER, OF AUBURN Theological Seminary, will preach Sunday evening, 26th inst., at 7:30 o'clock, at Association Hall.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

NEW-YORK SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIAtion.—Primary class meets Tuesday at 3 o'clock, in Young Men's Christian Association Building, Mrs. Clark, teacher. Superintendents' class, Tuesday, at 4 o'clock, in Fulton Street Chapel, Rev. Dr. Vincent, conductor. No Normal class next week.

NEW-YORK PORT SOCIETY.—PREACHING at the Mariners' Church, corner Catharine and Madison sts., to-morrow at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., by the Pastor, Rev. E. D. Murphy, and at 3, at No. 278 Water st., by Associate Pastor, Rev. Benj. F. Millard.

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of 9th av. and 31st st.—Preaching by the Pastor, Rev. S. B. Rossiter. Morning service, 10:30, "The Man of Sorrows." Afternoon service, 3:30, Communion.

OLD JOHN STREET M. E. CHURCH.—This is the first Methodist Church in America. A cordial invitation is extended to all strangers. The Pastor, Rev. N. G. Cheney, will preach both morning and evening.

O. B. FROTHINGHAM, PASTOR OF THE Independent Liberal Church, will preach at Masonic Temple, 23d st. and 6th av., on Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock. Subject—"Christmas Chimes."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEA AND Land, corner Henry and Market sts.—Preaching by the Pastor, Rev. E. Hopper, D. D., every Sabbath, at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath-school at 9:30 A. M. and 2 P. M. Young people's prayer-meeting at 6:45 P. M. Seats free. All are welcome.

REV. JOHN HALL, D. D., WILL SPEAK before the Missionary Association of the Berean Baptist Church on next Sunday evening, 26th inst., at 7:30 o'clock, at the church, corner Bedford and Downing sts. All are cordially welcome.

REV. GEORGE G. MINGINS WILL PREACH statedly in the North Dutch Church Chapel, corner William, Fulton, and Ann sts., entrances No. 103 Fulton st. and No. 58 Ann st. Morning at 10:30 and evening at 7:30 o'clock. In this chapel the Fulton street daily noon prayer-meeting is held.

REV. JAMES M. KING, PASTOR, WILL preach in St. John's M. E. Church, 53d st., near Broadway. Morning text—"The Bright and Morning Star." In the evening there will be a service of song and praise. All are welcome.

ROBERT COOK, D. D., PASTOR, WILL preach in the Sixty-first Street M. E. Church, between 2d and 3d avs., at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject—"The Perils of the Wine Cup." Evening—"The Vain Lamentation." Seats free.

REV. SAMUEL M. HAMILTON, PASTOR of Scotch Presbyterian Church, 14th st., between 5th and 6th avs., will preach to-morrow at 10:30 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.

REV. WM. ADAMS, D. D., WILL PREACH in the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, corner of 57th st., Sunday next at 11 A. M. Strangers cordially welcomed.

REV. WILLIAM P. ABBOTT, PASTOR, will preach at 10:30 A. M., and 7:30 P. M., in St. Luke's M. E. Church, 41st st. west of 6th av.

SECOND ADVENT MEETINGS.—GEORGE Storrs, editor of the Bible Examiner, will speak at Gallatin Hall, No. 422 Fulton st., Brooklyn, next Lord's day at 3 and 7:30 P. M. Subject—"Divine Government and the Second Advent of Christ." Social meeting at 10:30 A. M. All are cordially invited.

ST. JAMES M. E. CHURCH, 126TH ST. and Madison av.—Rev. Dr. Crawford, Presiding Elder of New-York District, will preach on Sunday morning, Dec. 26, at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. John Johns, Pastor of 34th Street Tabernacle, will preach in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

ST. ANDREW'S PROTESTANT EPISCOpal Church, Harlem, (127th st. and 4th av.,) Rev. George B. Draper, D. D., Rector.—Morning service at 10:45 on Christmas Day. Strangers welcome. Sermon by the Rector.

ST. IGNATIUS' CHURCH, 40TH ST., BEtween 5th and 6th avs., Rev. Dr. Ewer, Rector.—Services Christmas: Second celebration, (plain,) 7:30 A. M.; matins, 9; third celebration, 11 A. M.; second vespers, 4:30 P. M. Strangers cordially invited.

SEVENTEENTH STREET M. E. CHURCH, between 1st and 2d avs., Rev. J. H. Lightbourn, Pastor, will preach morning and evening. Watch-night services next Friday at 10 P. M. Strangers always welcome.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, 2D AV. AND 10TH st., Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., Rector.—Services Christmas Day: Holy Communion and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday: Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The Rector will officiate.

SAINT THOMAS' CHURCH, 5TH AV., CORner of 53d st., Rev. Dr. Morgan, Rector.—Christmas Day, sunrise service at 7:30 o'clock; full service, sermon, and holy communion at 11 o'clock.

STANTON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.—Wm. Hayne Leavell, Pastor, will preach at 10:30 A. M. Subject—"Power of the Gospel;" at 7:30 P. M., subject, "A Free Salvation." Strangers invited.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, BETWEEN NOS. 57 and 59 West 46th st., Rev. A. B. Hart, Rector.—Services on Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH,

2d av., between 10th and 11th sts.
Rev. JAMES BOARDMAN HAWTHORNE, Pastor.
Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.
Rev. JUSTIN D. FULTON, D. D.,
will preach
Morning, a Christmas sermon on
"The Sacredness of the Children's Hour."
Evening:
"The Beginnings of Sin."

All cordially invited.

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

MADISON AV. AND 42D ST.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—Divine service and sermon by Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., D. D., at 11 o'clock, A. M.

SUNDAY.—Hours of service, 10:30 A. M., 3:30 and 7:30 P. M. Rev. L. W. Bancroft, D. D., of Brooklyn, will preach in the morning, Rev. J. W. Bonham in the afternoon, Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., D. D., in the evening.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY of the Orphans' Home and Asylum of the P. E. Church will be held at the Institution, 49th st., corner of Lexington av., on TUESDAY, Dec. 28, at 11 o'clock A. M. The annual reports will be read, and Trustees, Managers, &c., elected for the ensuing year. After the services tables of refreshments, &c., will be in readiness, and the children's Christmas tree will be exhibited. All friends of the Institution are invited to be present.

THE NEW-YORK PRAYING BAND, SAMuel Halstead, leader, will conduct the services at the Five Points Mission, No. 61 Park st., all day Sunday, Dec. 26—10:30 A. M., 2:30 and 7 P. M. Friends throughout the City invited.

THE SOUTH REFORMED CHURCH, 5TH av. and 21st st., will be open for Christmas service to-day at 11 A. M. There will be appropriate music by the choir, and an address by Rev. Dr. Rogers.

UNIVERSITY PLACE CHURCH, CORNER of West 10th st., Rev. Dr. Booth, Pastor.—Sunday services at 11 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.

WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL P. E. CHURCH, corner West 11th st., and Waverley place, Rev. W. T. Egbert, Rector. Divine service Christmas Day 10:30 A. M. Sunday, 10:30 A. M.; 7:30 P. M. The Rector will preach. Seats all free.

ZION CHURCH, MADISON AV., CORNER of 38th st., Rev. John N. Galleher, D. D., Rector.—Services Christmas Day at 10:30 A. M.; on Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

OFFICE OF METROPOLITAN COLLAR COMPANY,
Nos. 346 AND 348 BROADWAY,
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THE ENTIRE STOCK AND MACHINERY of the above company, together with the business good-will of the company, for sale. This is one of the best appointed factories for the manufacture of paper collars and cuffs in the world; the machinery is perfect, and has a capacity of making 350,000 collars per day, and can be put in operation in one hour; will be sold in one lot, for cash or its equivalent only. Apply to B. H. BALDWIN, Receiver.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT—COUNTY OF KINGS.—THE ILLINOIS, MISSOURI AND TEXAS RAILWAY COMPANY, Plaintiff, against JAMES McKAYE, Defendant.—Summons—for relief.—(Com. not Ser.)—To the defendant above-named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, at the new Court-house in the City of Brooklyn, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers, at their office, No. 20 Nassau street, in the City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated New-York, Nov. 5, 1875.

BARRETT, REDFIELD & HILL,
Plaintiff's Attorneys, No. 20 Nassau st.,
New-York City.

The complaint in the above-entitled action was duly filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, in the Court-house in the City of Brooklyn, on the 6th day of November, 1875.

BARRETT, REDFIELD & HILL,
d4-1aw6wS Plaintiff's Attorneys.

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DIVIDENDS.

CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1875.

The Board of Trustees have this day declared the thirty-first interest dividend at the rate of six per cent. per annum, on all sums remaining in bank Jan. 1, for the number of calendar months the same has been on deposit next previous thereto, payable on and after Friday, the 21st of January.

Interest not withdrawn will be credited as an original deposit and entitled to interest from Jan. 1, and will be entered on the depositors' books whenever presented. Deposits made on or before Monday, Jan. 10, will bear interest from Jan. 1.

The bank is open every day for the reception and payment of money from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Mondays and Saturdays from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M. Bank books in German, English, and French.

E. A. QUINTARD, Pres't, SEYMOUR A. BUNCE, Secy.

OFFICE OF THE BUFFALO, NEW-YORK, AND PHILADELPHIA RAILROAD COMPANY,
BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1875.

THE JANUARY INTEREST OF THE FIRST mortgage coupon bonds and the second mortgage registered bonds of this company will be paid on and after the 3d proximo at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 26 Exchange place, New-York. The transfer books of the second mortgage bonds will be closed at 2 o'clock P. M. on the 20th instant, and reopen on the 3d January proximo.

H. L. LYMAN, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE UNION MINING COMPANY OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY, MD.,
No. 71 BROADWAY, ROOM NO. 47,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 2, 1875.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS THIS DAY declared a dividend of Five (5) per Cent. on the capital stock of the company, payable at this office on and after 3d January prox.

Transfer book will be closed from 23d to 31st inst., both inclusive. J. P. HEWITT, Secretary.

SAFEGUARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 152 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1875.

THE USUAL SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. and EXTRA DIVIDEND of TWO AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. is this day declared, payable on 3d January next.

JAMES YEARANCE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 78 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1875.

THE INTEREST MATURING JAN. 1, 1876, on the bonds of this company, also on $3,000,000 Missouri State six per cent. bonds, known as "The Hannibal and St. Joseph issue," will be paid on and after the 3d day of January, 1876, on presentation of the proper coupons, at the Bank of North America.

JOHN P. ACKER, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND.

BANK OF AMERICA, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1875.

The President and Directors of the Bank of America have this day declared a dividend of Five per Cent. for the current six months, payable to the stockholders on and after Monday, Jan. 3, 1876. The transfer-book will remain closed from this date until the morning of Jan. 8, 1876. ROBERT JAFFRAY, Cashier.

THE HANOVER NATIONAL BANK,
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1875.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a Dividend of Three per Cent., free of taxes, payable on the 3d of January next. The transfer-books will remain closed from this date until the 3d proximo. GEO. W. PERKINS, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1875.

FORTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECtors of this bank have this day declared a Dividend of Six per Cent., payable, free of tax, on and after Jan. 3, 1876. The transfer-book will be closed from the 27th inst. until the 3d proximo.

J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1875.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Four (4) per cent., payable, free of tax, on and after the third day of January next, until which date the transfer books will remain closed. A. S. APGAR, Cashier.

THE IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1875.

A DIVIDEND OF SEVEN PER CENT. OUT of the earnings of the last six months, free of all taxes, has this day been declared by this bank, payable on the 1st day of January next. The transfer-books will remain closed from the 20th inst. to the 1st prox.

E. H. PERKINS, JR., Cashier.

OFFICE CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.—Holders of coupons due Jan. 1, 1876, can send them in for examination, and checks in payment will be ready for delivery on the morning of the 31st inst. for all coupons received on or before the 30th.

FRANCIS H. TOWS, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF WELLS-FARGO & CO.,
No. 65 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1875.

THE REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of FOUR PER CENT. has been declared by the Directors of this company, payable Jan. 15, 1876, at our office as above.

The transfer-books will be closed Jan. 5 at 2 P. M., and reopened Jan. 17.

THEO. F. WOOD, Assistant Secretary.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, Dec. 1, 1875.

THE INTEREST ON ILLINOIS STATE bonds, due the first Monday of January, 1876, will be paid at the American Exchange National Bank, New-York City, from the 3d to the 20th of January, inclusive. THOS. S. RIDGEWAY,
State Treasurer.

OFFICE OF ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY AND NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY,
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20, 1875.

NOTICE.—THE COUPONS DUE 1ST PROXIMO, of the North Missouri Railroad first mortgage bonds will be paid at the National Bank of Commerce in New-York, on and after 3d January, 1876.

B. W. LEWIS, JR., President.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1875.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a semi-annual dividend of Four per Centum, payable on and after Monday, Jan. 3, 1876. The transfer-books will be closed from this date to Jan. 3, 1876. C. V. BANTA, Cashier.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1875.

TWENTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE DIrectors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Four per Cent., free of tax, out of earnings of last six months, payable on 3d January next. The transfer-books will close 24th inst. till that date.

ANTHONY LANE, Cashier.

THE ORIENTAL BANK.

WASHINGTON A. HALL, President. HENRY T. CHAPMAN, JR., Cashier.

The usual Semi-annual Dividend of Six per Cent. has this day been declared, payable Jan. 3, 1876.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1875.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK, NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1875.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a dividend of five per cent., free from tax, payable on and after 3d of January, 1876. The transfer books will be closed until Jan. 5, 1876.

R. B. FERRIS, Cashier.

PHENIX NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1875.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK HAVE this day declared a Dividend of Three and One-half per Cent., payable on and after Jan. 3, 1876.

JOHN PARKER, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1875.

FORTIETH DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., free of tax, payable to the stockholders on and after the 3d day of January next, until which time the transfer-book will be closed.

GEO. M. HARD, Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1875.

COUPONS DUE JAN. 1, 1876, ON THE DEficiency and funding debt bonds of the State of Texas will be paid at this bank. Pension bonds will be paid at the office of the State Treasurer at Austin, Texas. R. B. FERRIS, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1875.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK HAVE this day declared a Dividend of Five per Cent., free of tax, payable on and after Jan. 3, 1876. The transfer-books will remain closed until that date.

G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

MARKET NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1875.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Four per Cent., payable to stockholders on and after Jan. 3, 1876. The transfer-books will remain closed until that date. A. GILBERT, Cashier.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1875.

FIFTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.

A dividend of $15 per share of the capital stock of this bank will be paid on and after Jan. 3, prox.

J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

BANK OF THE METROPOLIS,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1875.

A DIVIDEND OF THREE AND A HALF per Cent., free of tax, has this day been declared, payable Jan. 3, 1876.

The transfer-book will be closed from 28th inst. to 3d proximo. THEO. ROGERS, Cashier.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1875.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a Dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of tax, payable on and after the 3d of January next. Transfer-books closed until that date.

WM. H. COX, Cashier.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1875.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., FREE of tax, has this day been declared, payable Jan. 3, 1876, until which date the transfer-books will remain closed. J. L. JEWETT, JR., Cashier.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 25, 1875.

THE INTEREST DUE JAN. 1, 1876, ON the bonds issued by the State of Michigan will be paid at the American Exchange National Bank in the City of New-York.

WM. B. McCRERY, State Treasurer.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1875.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER Cent. has this day been declared, payable Jan. 3, 1876. The transfer-books will remain closed until that date. J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

ELEVENTH WARD BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1875.

SEVENTEENTH DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECtors of this bank have this day declared a dividend of Three per Cent., free from tax, payable on and after Jan. 3, 1876. CHAS. E. BROWN, Cashier.

GROCERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1875.

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT. ON capital stock will be paid Jan. 3, 1876.

B. E. WATSON, Cashier.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE,
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, FOURTH DISTRICT, NEW-YORK,
No. 1,298 BROADWAY, Dec. 11, 1875.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I have seized, Dec. 10, 1875, at No. 205 East 25th st., one horse, single truck, and harness, as being used in violation of the Internal Revenue laws. All persons claiming the same are required to appear and make such claim within thirty days from this date.

CHARLES R. COSTER, Collector.

DRY GOODS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

J. & C. JOHNSTON,

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Additional Holiday Reductions.

BLACK SILKS.

600 Pieces, $1 50, Reduced from $2 25.

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394 Pieces, $1, marked down from $1 75.
185 Pieces, $1 50, reduced from $3 50.
91 Pieces, $2, (odd shades,) recently sold at $4 50.

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24 Cases American De Laines, 12½ cents per yard.
15 Cases Plaided and Striped Worsted Fabrics, 20 cts
11 Cases Plain and Plaided ALL WOOL DIAGONALS 37½ cents.
4 Cases French Merinos, 62½ cents, worth $1.
113 Pieces Neige du Spitzberg, 1½ yards wide, $1; formerly $2 25.

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CELTIC............SATURDAY, Jan. 8, at 2 P. M.
ADRIATIC..........SATURDAY, Jan. 15, at 8 A. M.
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CITY OF BROOKLYN.........Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 3 P. M.
CITY OF CHESTER...Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1876, at 10 A. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.......Saturday, Jan. 8, at 2 P. M.
CITY OF BERLIN..........Saturday, Jan. 15, at 8 A. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND.......Saturday Jan. 22, at 2 P. M.

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ANDES..........................Jan. 8.

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NEVADA......................Jan. 4, at 10 A. M.
IDAHO.......................Jan. 18, at 10 A. M.
DAKOTA......................Jan. 25, at 3 P. M.
WISCONSIN..................Feb. 1, at 9:30 A. M.

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NECKAR........Sat., Jan. 8 | HERMANN......Sat., Jan. 25

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CITY OF VERA CRUZ.................Thursday, Dec. 30
CITY OF NEW-YORK..................Thursday, Jan. 6

FOR VERA CRUZ AND NEW-ORLEANS,

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FROM ANTWERP.

For Philadelphia. For New-York.

VADERLAND.......Dec. 23 | SWITZERLAND.......Jan. 4
NEDERLAND.......Jan. 16 | STATE OF NEVADA..Jan. 28

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STATE OF INDIANA...................Thursday, Jan. 13
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Steerage office No. 45 Broadway.

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From Piers Nos. 44 and 47 North River.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

ERIN................Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 3 P. M.
CANADA..............Tuesday, Jan. 4, 9 A. M.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Egypt, Jan. 1, 8 A. M. | Spain, Jan. 15, 8 A. M.
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For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:30, 7, and 8:10 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5:20, 5:40, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:30, 7, and 8:10 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5:20, 5:40, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 7, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:30, and 7 P. M.

For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 4:50, and 6:20 P. M.

For New Brunswick, 7, 8, and 11 A. M., 2, 3:10, 4:10, 5:20, 6:10, 7 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 7 P. M.

For East Millstone, 11 A. M., 3 and 5:20 P. M.

For Kingston and Rocky Hill, 8:40 A. M. and 4:10 P. M.

For Princeton, 7, 8:40 A. M., 12:30, 2, 4:10 and 7 P. M.

For Lambertville, 9:30 A. M. 2, 3 and 4:10 P. M.

For Phillipsburg and Belvidere, 9:30 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 3 P. M.

For Mercer and Somerset Branch, 3 P. M.

For Trenton, Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:30 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 4, 5, and 7 P. M.

For Freehold, 7:30 A. M., 2 and 4:10 P. M.

For Farmingdale and Squan, 7:30 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Hightstown, Pemberton, and Camden, via Perth Amboy, 2:30 P. M., and via Monmouth Junction, 4:10 P. M.

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Winter Arrangement of through trains, December, 1875. From Chambers Street Depot. (For 23d st. see note below.)

9:00 A. M., daily, except Sundays, Cincinnati and Chicago Day Express. Drawing-room coaches to Buffalo and sleeping coaches to Cincinnati and Detroit. Sleeping coaches to Chicago.

10:45 A. M., daily, except Sundays, Express Mail for Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Sleeping coach to Buffalo.

7:00 P. M., daily, Pacific Express to the West. Sleeping coaches through to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cincinnati, and Chicago without change. Hotel dining coaches to Cleveland and Chicago.

7:00 P. M., except Sundays. Western Emigrant train.

Above trains leave Twenty-third Street Ferry at 8:45 and 10:15 A. M., and 6:45 P. M.

For local trains, see time-tables and cards in hotels and depots.

JNO. N. ABBOTT, General Passenger Agent.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS, Aug. 8, 1875.

Leave depots foot of Cortlandt and Desbrosses sts. at

7 A. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, Beaver Meadow, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mount Carmel, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Elmira, &c., connecting with trains for Ithaca, Auburn, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the West.

1 P. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Tunkhannock, &c., making close connection for Reading, Pottsville, and Harrisburg.

4 P. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk, stopping at all stations.

6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Elmira, &c., connecting with trains for Ithaca, Auburn, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the West. Pullman's sleeping coaches attached.

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5:30 A. M.—NEWS TRAIN for Easton, Belvidere, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Tamanend, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, &c.

6:15 A. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

7:45 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington and Easton, connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

9:00 A. M.—MORNING EXPRESS, Daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Towanda, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, Danville, Williamsport, &c.

10:15 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

1 P. M.—EXPRESS for Flemington, Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

2:45 P. M.—EXPRESS for Easton, Belvidere, Bath, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, and Scranton.

3:30 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

4:00 P. M.—Way Train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

4:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

5:00 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

5:15 P. M.—EVENING EXPRESS, daily, for Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Towanda, Reading, and Harrisburg.

5:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

6:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

6:30 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

7:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

8:30 P. M.—For Easton.

9:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

12:00 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

For Elizabeth at 5:30, 6:15, 6:35, 7:00, 7:30, 7:45, 8:00, 8:45, 9:00, 9:30, 10:15, 11:15, A. M.; 12:00 M. 12:45, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:00, 3:30, 3:45, 4:00, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5:00, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:40, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15, 12:00 P. M.

R. E. RICKER, Superintendent and Engineer.

H. P. BALDWIN, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—After Dec. 5, 1875, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:

8:00 A. M., Chicago and Northern Express, with drawing-room cars through to Rochester.

10:30 A. M., special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls, arriving at Niagara Falls 1:45 A. M.

11:00 A. M., Northern and Western Express.

4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to St. Albans, arriving at Montreal 8:50 A. M.

6:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars, for Watertown and Canandaigua. Also, for Montreal via Plattsburg.

8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars, for Rochester, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Cleveland and Cincinnati; also for Chicago, via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads.

11:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars, for Albany and Troy. Way trains as per local Time Table.

C. H. KENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK, NEW-HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.

After Nov. 29, 1875, trains leave Grand Central Depot (42d st.) for New-Canaan Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 1:00 and 4:40 P. M.; Danbury and Norwalk Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 3:00 and 4:40 P. M.; Naugatuck Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; Housatonic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; New-Haven and Northampton Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; For Newport at 8:05 A. M. and 1 P. M.; Boston and Albany Railroad at 8:05 and 10 A. M., 3 and 9 P. M. (7 P. M. on Sunday;) Boston (via Shore Line) at 1 and 10 P. M., (10 P. M. on Sundays.)

Way trains as per local time tables.

J. T. MOODY, Superintendent New-York Division.

E. M. REED, Vice President, New-York.

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BROOKLYN CITY 7S, DUE IN 1904.

BUFFALO CITY 7S, DUE IN 1890.

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS OF CONSOL. STATE BONDS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, AUDITOR'S OFFICE, NEW-ORLEANS, DEC. 9, 1875.

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with a resolution, adopted by the Board of Liquidation, the interest Coupons, on New Consol Bonds, maturing on the 1st of January, prox., will be paid, without rebate, at the Louisiana National Bank in this City, and at the banking-house of Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Co., in New-York, on and after the 15th of December, inst. CHARLES CLINTON, Auditor.

7, 8, AND 10 PER CENT.

STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS CITY AND COUNTY BONDS, RAILROAD BONDS, AND OTHER CHOICE SECURITIES, PAYING 10 TO 12 PER CENT., FOR SALE ON FAVORABLE TERMS BY

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Holders of the first mortgage or six per cent. bonds, by calling or sending their address to the office of Perkins, Livingston, Post & Co., No. 59 Liberty st., can obtain a copy of the comments of this committee upon the plan of organization issued by Messrs. Fisk & Hatch and others in the interest of the second mortgage (or seven per cent.) bondholders.

C. L. PERKINS,
JESSE HOYT,
L. H. MEYER,

Committee of First Mortgage Bondholders.

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C. D. WOOD. S. D. DAVIS.

OFFICE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 51 WALL ST., CORNER WILLIAM ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1875.

THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY WILL close on the 31st inst., preparatory to its annual statement. Persons holding policies on risks which shall have terminated during the year prior to the 1st of January next are requested to furnish an account of the premiums thereon, and a statement of all claims for return of premiums, to prevent discrepancies in the accounts. J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

NORTH CHICAGO

(Lincoln Park)

SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS.

In view of the limited amount of these Bonds remaining unsold, the Commissioners have authorized us to advance the price of such Bonds as may remain unsold after Dec. 25, to 97½ per cent. and accrued interest. Prior to that date we will continue to sell at 95 per cent. and interest.

PERKINS, LIVINGSTON, POST & CO., No. 59 Liberty st.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC RAILROAD, (OF MISSOURI,) ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 15, 1875.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Pacific Railroad (of Missouri) will be held at No. 3 Broad st., in the City of New-York, on Tuesday, 28th December inst., at 12 o'clock noon. The transfer books, both here and in New-York, will be closed on Friday, the 24th inst., at noon.

SAMUEL HAYS, President.

Every stockholder of the Missouri Pacific Railroad who desires honest information relative to the condition of this property and its relations to the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad is earnestly and respectfully requested to be present.

A. PEIRCE, President Atlantic and Pacific Railroad.

AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE INDIANAPOLIS, Bloomington and Western Extension First Mortgage Bondholders will be held at No. 20 Nassau st., Room No. 1, on TUESDAY, Dec. 28, at 1 o'clock P. M., to hear report of the committee. SUMNER R. STONE, Chairman.

DEPOSITORS IN FREEDMAN'S SAVINGS BANK can collect dividend. SAM L. HARRIS, Banker, No. 658 Broadway, corner Bond st.

FINANCIAL.

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MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY,

EQUITABLE BUILDING, 120 BROADWAY, N. Y.

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THE MARIPOSA LAND AND MINING COMPANY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, NOS. 9 AND 11 NASSAU ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1875.

THE TRUSTEES OF THIS COMPANY have levied an assessment of $1 per share on the preferred and common stock, payable at this office on or before Dec. 31. MORRIS H. SMITH, Assistant Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1875.

ALL PERSONS HOLDING DIRECT BONDS of the State of Alabama will find it to their advantage to address WILLIAM H. HAYS, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Bondholders, No. 6 Broad st., New-York City.

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ELECTIONS.

MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

At a meeting of the patrons and members of the Mount Sinai Hospital, held at Standard Hall, on Thursday evening, Dec. 22, the following gentlemen were nominated as officers:

For President,
ADOLPH HALLGARTEN.
For Vice President,
H. ARONSON.
For Treasurer,
SAMUEL M. SCHAFER.
For Directors for the term of four years,
ISAAC S. SOLOMON,
EDWIN EINSTEIN,
LEVY SAMUELS,
HARMAN H. NATHAN.
For Director for the term of two years,
HYMAN BLUM.
For Directors for the term of one year,
LOUIS STIX,
ISAAC BLUMENTHAL.

The election will take place on Sunday, the 26th inst., at the hospital. Polls open between 11 A. M. and 1 P. M. SIEG. SPINNGARN, Chairman.

SOL. MOSES, Secretary.

GLOBE SILVER MINING COMPANY.—Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the GLOBE SILVER MINING COMPANY that the annual meeting for the election of seven Trustees and two inspectors of election, to serve for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such business as may regularly come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, No. 36 John st., New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5, 1876, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The polls will be open at 12 o'clock, noon, and remain open for two hours.

Dated New-York, Dec. 24, 1875.

HENRY A. BARTHOLOMEW, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, No. 52 WALL ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1875.

THE COUPONS ON THE FIRST MORTGAGE Gold Bonds of this Company maturing Jan. 1, 1876, will be paid at the National City Bank.

WM. E. DODGE, President.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1875.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Bank for election of Directors and Inspectors of Election for the ensuing year will be held, at their banking-rooms, on TUESDAY, 11th January, 1876. Polls will open at 12 M. and close at 1 P. M. ANTHONY LANE, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1875.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this bank for the election of eleven Directors to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the banking-house, TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1876. Polls open from 12 M. till 1 P. M. By order of the Board. C. N. BANTA, Cashier.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1875.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF THIS bank for the ensuing year, and for three inspectors for the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house, No. 153 Bowery, on TUESDAY, 11th day of January, 1876. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

By order of the board. GEO. W. YOULE, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR FIFTEEN Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 196 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. G. M. HARD, Cashier.

IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at its banking-rooms, corner of Broadway and Murray st., TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1876. The poll will remain open from 12 M. to 1 P. M. E. H. PERKINS, JR., Cashier.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 33 Wall st., on TUESDAY, the 11th of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M. WILLIAM H. COX, Cashier.

AMERICAN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1875.

ELECTION.—AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held at the office of this bank on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, from 12 M. to 1 o'clock P. M. E. WILLSON, Cashier.

MARKET NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house, TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1876, from 12 M. to 1 P. M. A. GILBERT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual election of two Trustees of the Maple Grove Cemetery Association will be held at the office of the Association, No. 504 3d av., in the City of New-York, on MONDAY, Jan. 10, 1876.

Polls open from 2 to 3 P. M.

CHAS. S. GOODWIN, Secretary.

IRVING INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held at the office of the company, No. 157 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 4, 1876, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 12 M. JAMES M. WILSON, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1875.

ELECTION.—AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held at the office of this bank, on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, from 12 o'clock M. to 1 o'clock P. M. J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

SURROGATE NOTICES.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF Robert C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JOHN HARPER, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of business, (Harper & Bros., publishers,) No. 331 Pearl street, in the City of New-York, on or before the thirtieth day of May next.—Dated New-York, the 27th day of November, 1875. JOHN W. HARPER, JOSEPH A. HARPER, Executors.

P. W. OSTRANDER, Proctor for Executors, No. 25 Pine st., N. Y. n27law6m8

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ALPHONSE P. MONTANT, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at the office of J. H. & B. F. Watson, No. 291 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the sixth day of January next.—Dated New-York, the thirtieth day of June, 1875. J. H. & B. F. WATSON, Proctors for Administrator, No. 291 Broadway, New-York. jy3-law6m8*

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against CATHERINE WILKINS, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his place of business, No. 182 Grand street, in the City of New-York, on or before the fifteenth day of January next.—Dated New-York, the ninth day of July, 1875. S. V. R. CRUGER, Executor. jy10-law6m8*

MARBLE MANTELS.

MARBLE AND MARBLEIZED MANTELS, NEW DESIGNS, from $12 upward; also, monumental work at greatly reduced prices. Marble turning for the trade. A. KLABER, No. 134 East 18th st.

STEWART'S NEW SLATE MANTELS, INLAID with tiles; also, marble and wood mantels, elegant designs; prices very low. No. 220 West 23d st.

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DIARIES FOR 1876 AND DAILY JOURNALS from 25 cents to $3. Blank Books, Stationery, and Printing, all kinds at low prices. Orders solicited. FRANCIS & LOUTREL, No. 45 Maiden lane.

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THE UP-TOWN OFFICE OF THE TIMES.

The up-town office of THE TIMES is located at **No. 1,257 Broadway, bet. 31st and 32d sts.** Open daily, Sundays included, from 4 A. M. to 9 P. M. Subscriptions received, and copies of THE TIMES for sale.

ADVERTISEMENTS RECEIVED UNTIL 9 P. M.

A SMALL FAMILY, TO REDUCE EXPENSES, will let a double and single front room newly furnished; every convenience; or will board a couple willing to pay moderately for first-class table. Call at No. 356 Lexington av., near 40th st. Can be seen Sunday on any time.

FIFTH AVENUE, ABOVE 47TH ST.—A LADY HAS JUST LOCATED.—Families who are coming in the City for the Winter will have choice of beautiful apartments and private table. Address HOME, Box No. 310 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

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NO. 33 WEST 42D ST., FRONTING RESERVOIR PARK.—Beautiful location; house new; elegantly furnished; handsome rooms, with or without private table, to responsible parties seeking superior accommodations.

ONE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SOUTHERN exposure; closets, with hot and cold water, &c.; two hall rooms, for gentlemen, with board; references. No. 116 West 45th st.

NO. 26 WEST 16TH ST.—PLEASANT FRONT rooms, handsomely furnished, on second and third floors; large, cheerful dining-room on parlor floor; references.

NO. 31 WEST 16TH ST., NEAR 5TH AV.—To rent to a select family, a handsomely furnished second floor, unexpectedly vacated; private table; highest references exchanged.

A PRIVATE FAMILY WILL LET SECOND floor, with board; 48th st., between 5th and 6th avs. Address HOME, Box No. 325 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

NO. 70 IRVING PLACE, (GRAMERCY PARK.)—Second floor front rooms, en suite or singly; house 27 feet wide; rooms extra large and handsomely furnished; location and table first-class; reduced prices.

SECOND OR THIRD FLOOR, LARGE AND hall rooms, handsomely furnished; also single room, with board; appointments very desirable; terms low; references. No. 4 West 22d st.

NO. 20 EAST 20TH ST., THIRD DOOR FROM BROADWAY.—Single and double sunny rooms on third floor, nicely furnished; board, fire, and gas; prices reduced; table boarders accommodated.

NO. 33 WEST 33D ST.—DESIRABLE ROOMS, with board, at reasonable rates, for families and gentlemen.

FIFTH AV., NO. 123.—TO LET, WITH BOARD, rooms singly or en suite; terms reasonable; location and table unexceptionable. Mrs. E. J. SMITH.

NO. 119 EAST 23D ST.—ELEGANTLY-FURNISHED apartments to let, with board; also very fine basement.

NO. 116 WEST 41ST ST.—WITH BOARD, rooms separately or together; references.

NO. 61 WEST 17TH ST.—HALL ROOM TO rent to gentleman, with first-class board.

FURNISHED ROOMS.

NO. 21 WEST 24TH ST., NEARLY OPPOSITE FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL.—Elegantly furnished rooms, en suit or singly, to let to gentlemen only, without board; references.

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ROSSMORE HOTEL,

Junction Broadway, 7th av. and 42d st., three blocks from Grand Central Depot, just completed, with all modern improvements.

This new and elegantly furnished hotel will be opened for the reception of guests Feb. 1, 1876, on American and European plan.

CHARLES E. LELAND, Proprietor, of the Delavan House, Albany, and Clarendon Hotel, Saratoga.

STURTEVANT HOUSE,

Broadway, New-York, has elevator and all modern improvements. Suites of rooms in new addition, 29th st., for families, from $40 to $90 per week. Transient rates for board and rooms, $3 50 and $4 per day. Rooms, without board, $1 a day and upward.

LEWIS & GEO. S. LELAND, Proprietors.

SAVINGS BANKS.

EAST RIVER SAVINGS INSTITUTION,

No. 3 CHAMBERS ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1875.

FIFTY-FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.—Interest at the rate of SIX (6) PER CENT. per annum has been declared, and will be paid on and after the 11th day of January on all sums which have remained on deposit for three or six months previous to the 1st day of January, 1876.

Interest not called for will be credited and draw interest as an original deposit.

Bank open daily from 10 to 3, and on Thursday from 10 to 7. WILLIAM H. SLOCUM, President.

CHAS. A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK.

Nos. 1 and 3 3d av., opposite Cooper Institute. CHARTERED 1852.

45TH SEMI-ANNUAL INTEREST.

THE TRUSTEES of this Bank have ordered that INTEREST at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, out of the earnings of the past six months, be paid depositors on and after Jan. 15, 1876, on all accounts entitled thereto.

INTEREST not called for will be added to the account and draw interest from Jan. 1.

MONEY DEPOSITED on or before Jan. 10 will be entitled to interest from the first of that month.

ISAAC T. SMITH, President.

A. F. OCKERSHAUSEN, CLARKSON CROLIUS, Vice Presidents.

T. W. LILLIE, Secretary.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,

Nos. 396 and 398 Canal st., corner Laight.

Open daily from 10 to 3, and Monday evenings 5 to 7.

Assets, Over Eleven Million Dollars.

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SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED.

Books in English, French, and German.

G. S. CHAPIN, Treasurer. | N. J. HAINES, President.

T. S. ARMOUR, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1875.

HARLEM SAVINGS BANK, CORNER 124TH ST. AND 3D AV.—Deposits made on or before the 10th of January will draw interest from Jan. 1.

A semi-annual DIVIDEND at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum on all sums of five dollars and not exceeding two thousand dollars, and of five per cent. per annum on all sums over two thousand dollars, which shall have been deposited three months on the 1st day of January next, will be allowed to depositors, and payable on and after Jan. 17, in accordance with the by-laws. Interest not called for will be credited as a deposit of Jan. 1.

By order of the Trustees.

THOS. B. TAPPEN, President.
JOHN S. KENYON, Secretary.

EDWARD A. REID, ADAM HERRMANN, Vice Presidents.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION

NO. 96 WARREN ST., NEW-YORK.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED.

Deposits made now draw interest from Jan. 1.

Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.

VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

INSTITUTION FOR THE SAVINGS OF Merchants' clerks and others, No. 20 Union place, corner of East 15th st.—Dividend to Jan. 1, 1876, payable Jan. 17, 1876, at following rates per annum, viz.: Six per Cent. on sums of $5, and not exceeding $1,000, and Five per Cent. on larger sums.

A. GRACIE KING, President.

ANDREW WARNER, Secretary.

DEC. 9, 1875.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—THE DEPOSITORS IN THE Mutual Benefit Savings Bank who have not presented their books to the subscriber for verification are requested to do so without delay at the office lately occupied by the said bank, No. 1 Centre st., Staats Zeitung Building, it being important with reference to an early dividend.

Notice to present books at any other place is unauthorized by me. W. F. ALDRICH, Receiver.

EXCELSIOR SAVINGS BANK, CORNER 23D st. and 6th av., New-York.—Interest computed and compounded January and July. Interest paid, Six per Cent. Interest commences the 1st of the month next following the deposit. Bank open daily; also, Monday Wednesday, and Saturday evenings.

JOHN E. DE WITT, Pres.

GEO. C. WALDO, Sec. H. K. THURBER, Vice Pres.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. 237 Broadway, entrance on Park place.

Interest on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, on all sums of $5 and upwards, will be paid on and after MONDAY, Jan. 17, 1876.

FRANCIS P. SCHOALS, President.

PETER CUMMING, Actuary.

PROPOSALS.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY, GRAND CENTRAL DEPOT, NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1875.

THIS COMPANY IS NOW PREPARED TO make its annual contracts for cross-ties, to be delivered during the season of 1876. Proposals will be received until Jan. 1, 1876, for the delivery of hewn white oak cross-ties only, in lots of from one thousand to fifty thousand and upward, at points on the line between New-York and Buffalo and Suspension Bridge. The company reserve the right to reject any or all bids. Specifications and blank forms of proposals may be had on application to Mr. John C. Champion, Tie Agent New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, Rome, N. Y.

WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT, Vice President.

PROPOSALS.

Sealed proposals will be received until Feb. 1, 1876, by the Trustees of the New-York and Brooklyn Bridge, at their office, No. 21 Water st., Brooklyn, N. Y., for the manufacture and delivery of 122 tons of cast-steel wire rope, required for the erection of the temporary foot-bridge, cradle cables, and other appliances necessary for the construction of the main cables of the East River Suspension Bridge.

Printed specifications, together with any other information in regard to these ropes, may be obtained from the Secretary of the board, or of the Chief Engineer, W. A. ROEBLING.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ALL AUTHORS AND CONTRIBUTORS TO popular literature will receive an important circular of the AMERICAN AUTHORS' UNION by immediate application, inclosing stamp to HENRY HEINEMAN, Secretary American Authors' Union, north-west corner 4th and Race sts., Cincinnati, Ohio.

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BANKRUPT NOTICES.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of WILLIAM D. MORGAN, CHARLES L. MORGAN, and ALFRED F. WALCOTT, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 4,966.—Notice is hereby given to the bankrupts and to all creditors who are named in the schedules filed by said bankrupts, and all creditors who have proved their debts and all other persons interested, pursuant to an order of this court, dated December 13, 1875, that, upon my petition as Assignee of the estate of the above-named bankrupts, for direction to compound and settle the controversy between me as Assignee and Daniel Meyer, a debtor to said bankrupts, by the receipt of $3,000 in full satisfaction of all claims and demands against said Meyer, a hearing of the matters prayed for in said petition will be had at a meeting to be held at the office of Edgar Ketchum, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy, at his office, No. 129 Fulton street, in the City of New-York, the 12th day of January, 1876, at 12 o'clock, noon, and you are required to then and there show cause, if any there be, why an order should not be passed by the court upon said petition authorizing such act on my part as Assignee, to wit: in consideration of the payment to me by said Daniel Meyer of the sum of three thousand dollars to release and discharge said Meyer of and from all claims and demands whatsoever vested in or belonging to said estate; and at said time and place proofs as to said matter will be taken by said Register.

ANTHONY J. THOMAS, Assignee.

TRACY, OLMSTEAD & TRACY, Solicitors and Counsel for the Assignee, No. 50 Wall street, New-York City.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of HERVEY C. CALKIN and JUDSON H. CALKIN, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court against the estate of Hervey C. Calkin and Judson H. Calkin, of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said district, adjudged bankrupts upon the petition of their creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupts, to them or to their use, and the transfer of any property by them, are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupts, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of their estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy to be holden at No. 345 Broadway, in the City of New-York, in said district, on the seventh (7th) day of January, A. D. 1876, at two o'clock P. M., at the office of John Fitch, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said court. OLIVER FISKE, Marshal—Messenger.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of ABRAHAM F. CALKIN, HERVEY C. CALKIN, and JUDSON H. CALKIN, Bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court against the estate of Abraham F. Calkin, Hervey C. Calkin, and Judson H. Calkin, of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said district, adjudged bankrupts upon the petition of their creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupts, to them or to their use, and the transfer of any property by them, are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupts to prove their debts, and choose one or more Assignees of their estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy to be holden at No. 345 Broadway, in the City of New-York, in said district, on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1876, at two o'clock P. M., at the office of John Fitch, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said court. OLIVER FISKE, Marshal—Messenger.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of GRANVILLE B. SMITH, Bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 5,268.—Before James F. Dwight, Register.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of Granville B. Smith, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, within said District, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said District, filed on the 29th day of October, 1875.—Dated at New-York, the 10th day of December, A. D. 1875.

JOHN H. PLATT, Assignee, No. 40 Wall street, New-York City.

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IN BANKRUPTCY.—DISTRICT OF NEW-JERSEY, ss.—At Newark, on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1875. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of WILLIAM P. KITTREDGE, of Orange, in the County of Essex, and State of New-Jersey, within said district, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon creditors' petition by the District Court of said district. E. N. MILLER, Assignee, &c., No. 782 Broad street, Newark, N. J.

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MEETINGS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. JOHNLAND will be held on MONDAY next, 27th instant, at office of Rev. Dr. Dyer, Bible House, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the election of officers and trustees, and other business.

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LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

IS THE POLICE BOARD TO BE CHANGED?—RUMORS REGARDING THE MATTER—AN INTERVIEW WITH THE MAYOR.

While Mayor Wickham was occupied yesterday in the discharge of his ordinary duties, a rumor was circulated that he had taken steps to remove the whole Police Board, and that he was acting in the matter with the authority of Gov. Tilden. The latter portion of the story was generally discredited by shrewd politicians on account of the alleged unfriendly relations which have existed for some time past between the Governor and the Mayor. But the attempt of the Mayor to remove other heads of departments gave color to the report, and all the circumstances connected with it were eagerly discussed by members of the Tammany Committee. It was said that the Mayor had made overtures to two prominent Republicans with a view to forming a new combination, the first fruits of which should be the decapitation of the present Police Commissioners and the appointment of two Republicans and two Independent Democrats or disaffected Tammany men in their stead. It was further said that Gov. Tilden was not only aware of the project, but that the names of the gentlemen "slated" to take the places in the Police Board were submitted to him for consideration, and that his decision would depend upon various political developments, the character of which he could not safely anticipate. These rumors, as they spread, seemed to grow stronger and stronger in the view of a very large class, who assert that they could not be surprised at anything Mayor Wickham might do.

A TIMES reporter called upon the Mayor yesterday to ascertain if the report or any part of it was true. Having related the story to the Mayor, the latter said, "There is nothing in it."

"But the rumor," said the reporter, "has been extensively circulated to-day."

"It's the first I heard of it," answered the Mayor.

"Have you taken steps to remove the whole Police Board, Mr. Mayor?"

"I have not. I cannot tell you what I may do."

"Have you done anything in relation to the Police Board since you made the charges against Messrs. Disbecker and Matsell?"

"No; that matter remains *in statu quo.* You know I have got the resignations of Commissioners Voorhis and Smith."

"I thought Mr. Smith took back his letter of resignation, Mr. Mayor?"

"I can put my finger on it at any moment."

"Do you intend to do anything about the Police Board?"

The Mayor smiled, shook his head, and then remarked, "I cannot tell you what I may do." This ended the interview.

A TIMES reporter subsequently saw Mr. Strahan, counsel for Commissioner Disbecker, and he said that he had heard the rumor relative to the threatened removal of the Police Commissioners, and he said that it was undoubtedly true that the Mayor had gone about the City boasting that he had "fixed" the Governor, and that he [the Mayor] was going to do great things in the course of a few days. Mr. Strahan further said that there was no doubt that the Mayor had acted in this manner, but neither Mr. Disbecker nor himself knew anything further about it.

Regarding the same matter President Matsell said to a reporter of THE TIMES that he had not heard anything in relation to the rumored action of the Governor since the charges had been preferred against him and his answer transmitted to the Mayor. He could not say what the action of the Governor would be, and he had not heard anything during the day that would indicate that any action was imminent. There had been rumors flying about for weeks past to the same effect, but he had paid no attention to them. He had heard some time ago an entirely new Board of Commissioners named as the successors of the present incumbents, but lately the excitement had died out. Commissioner Voorhis stated that he had not heard anything for some time past that would indicate the speedy removal of the Commissioners. He had not heard of the rumor in circulation until a reporter interviewed him on the subject, and all he could say was that he knew absolutely nothing about it. Commissioner Smith said that he had not heard of the rumor, but did not think there was any truth in it. Governor Tilden, he said, was a very close-mouthed man, and if he had determined upon his action it was not likely that he would allow it to gain publicity until those most interested were officially informed of it.

Yesterday evening one of the best-informed politicians in the City stated to a TIMES reporter that Commissioners Disbecker and Matsell will be removed at once, but that Messrs. Voorhis and Smith will retain their positions.

MASONIC ELECTIONS.

In addition to those already published in THE TIMES the following reports of Masonic elections of officers for the ensuing year have been received:

Aster Lodge, F. and A. M.—Alfred A. Farley, M., re-elected; William H. Barbour, S. W.; Charles L. Montague, J. W.; George B. Bailey, Secretary; John C. Littell, Treasurer; Rev. E. Anthon, Chaplain; Charles W. Kaufman, Marshal; William D. Vernam, S. D.; William P. Sandford, J. D.; John M. Purdy and George H. Hadley, M. C.; H. E. Hamilton and A. N. Lockwood, Stewards; Joseph Ashmall, Organist; William Smith, Tiler; R. W. George Van Vliet, Alfred C. Cheney, W. George L. Montague, Trustees.

Amity Chapter, R. A. M., No. 160.—F. J. Vogell, H. P.; Ferd. Hasbrouck, K.; John W. England, S.; George W. Schoonmaker, Treasurer; H. F. Bauer, Secretary; William Delamater, C. H.; Warren Schoonover, P. S.; William H. Vogell, R. A. C.; George H. Toop, M. Third V.; Edwin P. Whitcomb, M. Second V.; William H. Shields, M. First V.; John Hoole, Sentinel.

Americus Lodge, No. 535, F. and A. M.—Bartlett B. Page, M.; Horatio W. P. Hodson, S. W.; William H. Wharton, J. W.; Daniel T. Samson, Treasurer; E. W. Broadbent, Secretary.

Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 27.—Maurice S. DeVries was re-elected Master; P. M. B. S. DeYoung, S. W.; George Zeittlosen, J. W.; Aaron J. Stern, Treasurer; Philip Lippman, Secretary; Joseph Polak, Tiler.

At a regular convocation of New York Council Princes of Jerusalem, held in the Council Chamber, at the Masonic Temple, on Thursday evening, Dec. 23, 1875, the following Val. Princes were elected officers for the ensuing year: John J. Kelly, 32°, M. E. S. P. G. M.; Rev. James E. Kenny, 18°, G. H. P. D. M.; Charles G. Burrell, 32°, M. E. S. G. W.; William H. Sharp, 32°, M. E. J. G. W.; John J. Searing, 32°, Val. G. Treasurer; Albert P. Moriarty, 33°, Val. G. S. and K. of Seal; Horace Metcalt 32°, Val. G. M. of C.; W. H. Silberborn, 16°, Val. G. M. of E.; George Butler, 32°, G. Tiler; George W. Gilbert, John Boyd, John R. Hunt, Trustees.

MEETING OF THE POLICE BOARD.

The Board of Police met yesterday, President Matsel in the chair. Mr. Charles McLean, the counsel for the board, to whom was referred the question as to whether the board could, under the law, permit the masked balls of the Cercle Français and Liederkranz Societies, on condition that the maskers unmask to the Police before entering the ball-room, submitted his report, after quoting the statute bearing on the subject, which renders any person engaged in a mask ball liable to arrest and punishment for a misdemeanor, gave it as his opinion that the wording of the statute allowed the Commissioners no discretionary power, and that the societies should be notified that the Police would interfere and prevent any violation of the law. Under this opinion the board will prevent any masked balls from being held. A contract was entered into with the Mutual Gas Company to supply gas to the department below Thirty-fourth street at the rate of $2 75 per 1,000 feet. Patrolmen George S. Gaskill, of the Ninth Precinct, and M. J. Flannelly, of the Seventeenth Precinct, were dismissed the force. Daniel Nealis, John D. Haines, William Lally, Albert Rohloff, John T. Clarker, Edward Brennan, John Hatton, Max Junker, William Lawler, Martin Boylston, Jacob N. Haight, James Cosgrove, Patrick McGinley, and Morris McCarthy were appointed Patrolmen. The board then adjourned.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS.

The Commissioners to devise plans for the uniform government of the cities of the State of New-York held their first regular meeting at the Bar Association building yesterday. There were present Messrs. Evarts, Hand, Ottendorfer, Butler, Carter, Cooper, Sterne and Dimock, and Judges Van Cott and Lott. After considerable discussion it was resolved to appoint Mr. Sidney De Kay Secretary of the Board. It was also resolved that the Chairman, Mr. Evarts, be empowered to appoint different members of the commission to consider and report upon the separate questions which are embraced in municipal government.

A VERDICT IN THE BOWEN LIBEL SUIT.

As stated in THE TIMES of yesterday, the jury in the case of Bowen vs. the Brooklyn *Eagle* for libel was locked up all night. Yesterday morning they came into court and informed Judge Reynolds that they could not agree on the question of damages. The court ordered an officer to take the jurors to breakfast, after which they were sent back for further deliberation. It was understood that during the night the jury stood nine to three for a verdict of six cents. Three of the jurors were in favor of giving the plaintiff $2,500. During the afternoon a compromise was arrived at, the jury agreeing to give the plaintiff $1,000.

A BRUTAL HUSBAND.

At 6 o'clock on Thursday evening James Smith, a coal-carrier, forty years of age, residing in the tenement-house No. 150 West Tenth street, returned to his home in an intoxicated condition and in a very quarrelsome mood. His wife Margaret, who was in the room when he entered, seeing his condition, began to upbraid him for spending his money in liquor. A quarrel ensued, in the course of which Smith struck his wife a violent blow in the mouth with his fist, knocking her down. While the woman was lying prostrate on the floor Smith beat and kicked her about the head, face, and body until he had succeeded in reducing her to insensibility. He then fled from the house, leaving the woman unconscious on the floor. Her condition was not discovered until some hours afterward when one of the tenants of the house on entering the room found Mrs. Smith lying insensible on the floor. The Police were not notified until nearly midnight, when Patrolman Miller, of the Ninth Precinct, was informed of what had occurred. The woman was at once removed to the Charles Street Police Station, and Police Surgeon Walker was summoned to attend her. On examination, the surgeon found that three of the woman's ribs were fractured, and she had in addition received two severe scalp wounds. Her injuries, in the opinion of the Doctor, are of a serious nature, and she was removed to Bellevue Hospital for treatment. Smith was arrested at 6 o'clock yesterday morning by Patrolman Poppe, of the Ninth Precinct, and was locked up to await the result of his wife's injuries.

JULIUS CÆSAR AT BOOTH'S.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE SHAKESPAEREAN REVIVAL—A MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE PROMISED.

Although there were no spectators in the chairs and boxes of Booth's Theatre yesterday morning, a most animated scene was being enacted on the stage. The rehearsal of the great spectacular play of "Julius Cæsar" which is to be produced on Monday night, was in progress; and all the executive force of Messrs. Jarrett & Palmer was engaged in attending to the thousand and one details necessary for the presentation of a piece of the kind. Mr. Henry D. Palmer superintended the drilling and grouping of the army of 500 supernumeries, who were being marched and counter-marched around and across the stage, under the direction of Mr. John L. Vincent, the stage-manager, and was assisted in his efforts by Messrs. Barrett and Bangs. To drill all these men properly is no light task, but it has been successfully accomplished, and it is believed their parts will be performed smoothly and evenly on the opening night. They were carefully selected from a large number of applicants, and are all six feet or more in height. The designs for all the costumes, armor, weapons, standards, and other accessories have been made from historical relics preserved in the Archæological Department of the British Museum, and the drawings for the architectural portions of the scenery and properties were obtained from the same place. A novel feature in this entertainment will be the tableaux presented during the performance of the play. At the death of Cæsar, which takes place in the third act, an accurate copy of Gerome's celebrated picture representing that occurrence will be given, and after the curtain falls at the close of the sixth act a grand final tableau of the burning of the body of Brutus, on the plain of Philippi, will be presented. In this last exhibition the whole force employed will take part, and it is said that it will be the most magnificent living picture of the kind ever presented on any stage. A new drop scene is being painted for the occasion by Mr. William Voegtlin, and besides the living performers a number of profile groups of horsemen, soldiers, citizens, and statuary, will be introduced.

A TIMES reporter yesterday examined a number of the properties and costumes, which have been prepared by Mr. Henry. They are all of fine material, and have been most carefully and artistically made up. No tinsel or flimsy fabrics of any kind have been used, and the result has been that the dresses and accoutrements have an appearance of richness and solidity seldom seen on the stage. As an example of the style in which everything connected with the play has been gotten up, the single item of standards may be mentioned. Of these, fifty have been prepared, each surmounted with the Roman eagle, heavily gilt, and made in exact imitation of those found represented in the pictures preserved in the British Museum.

THE CHILDREN'S CHARITABLE UNION.

In these cold days the need of warm nourishment to support the functions of animal life comes home to us with peculiar force. And yet there are thousands of forsaken children in this City to whom the benefit of a warm meal comes only at rare intervals, as an event of holiday occurrence. Again, the education of the "lower classes" is believed to be the one fundamental measure upon which all high and great interests of the present and the future depend. And yet experience teaches that our public schools do not reach the children of the very poor, that even compulsory laws fail of their effect, and, in general, that it is useless to offer mental food where the body is starving. In some measure to supply this need, the "Children's Aid Society" has erected industrial schools in various quarters of our city, where instruction is given in the rudiments of knowledge, and one or more of the useful arts, and the pupils are thus provided with the means of future self-support. But the noble efforts of the association in this direction need to be seconded, and a warm noon-day meal for the pupils of the industrial schools is now the thing most needed. Mr. Charles L. Brace, the well-known and universally esteemed Secretary of the "C. A. S.," has expressed his willingness to supply such meals at an average of $1 a month for each child, being a fraction more than three cents a meal. Sporadic attempts to relieve the most pressing necessities of these neglected little ones have, indeed, occasionally been made; but it is plain that a consistent and organized effort is called for if lasting good is at all to be achieved. With this end in view an association has now been formed, to be called the Children's Charitable Union. Its members are to be children. Any child may become a member by subscribing $1 monthly. Adults will become patrons of the union by subscribing to the same amount. The Children's Charitable Union is to be auxiliary to the Children's Aid Society, and its funds are to be placed at the disposal of the said society for the one purpose described in the above. Every child that lays aside three cents whenever it sits down to the dinner table will feel that it has provided a warm meal for some other child in less fortunate circumstances than itself, and the benefit accruing from the kindly act will thus be shared between the recipient and the giver. Mite-boxes (to be placed in the dining-room) for collecting these daily gifts may be procured at a trifling expense by those who desire them. One dollar a month to support a child's life! A committee of ladies will have the funds of the union in their charge for further transmission, and will in every way assist in their proper application by lending to the work their personal interest, counsel, and sympathy. All funds thus collected will be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Children's Aid Society, Mr. J. E. Williams, President of the Metropolitan Bank, to be retained and used as a "special fund" for warm dinners for poor children. Name and address of subscribers may be sent to any member of the committee.

The Ladies' Committee has been organized as follows:

President—Mrs. Judge Daly, No. 84 Clinton place.

Treasurer—Mrs. Max Heidelbach, No. 25 West Thirty-ninth street.

Honorary Secretary—Mrs. Professor Joy, No. 117 East Seventieth street.

Mrs. General Hancock, No. 7 West Twenty-fifth street; Mrs. Judge Brady, No. 19 West Thirty-third street; Mrs. Lydig, No. 8 Washington square; Mrs. Joseph Seligman, No. 26 West Thirty-fourth street; Mrs. R. Buchman, No. 23 West Forty-fifth street; Mrs. Frederick Kühne, No. 16 West Sixtieth street; Mrs. S. Loeb, No. 37 East Thirty-eighth street; Mme. de Vaugrineuse, No. 21 East Ninth street, and others.

The following gentlemen have consented to act as advisory members of the committee: Hon. Judge C. P. Daly, Hon. Judge J. R. Brady, Mr. Frederick Kühne, Prof. Felix Adler, Mr. C. L. Brace.

THE LIABILITY OF SEEDSMEN.

A lawsuit which has occupied the attention of the New-Jersey courts for the past six years has just been finally decided by the Court of Errors and Appeals, the court of last resort in the State. What makes the case all the more singular is the fact that it originated from a dispute about twenty-five cents' worth of turnip-seed, and has now involved an expense of several thousand dollars. The suit was commenced before a Justice of the Peace in Monmouth County, by Lewis D. Mount, who claimed damages from Wolcott, Johnson & Co. for selling him seed which was represented to be of a variety which would produce early turnips. The cost of the seed was twenty-five cents. The turnips, instead of being early, were late, and of a very poor quality. Mount based his claim for damages on the ground that the false representations in regard to the seed caused him to lose a valuable crop. The plaintiff recovered $99 in the Justice's Court, although the defendants succeeded in showing that they believed the seed to be of the quality they had represented and that no fraud was intended. The defendants took the case on appeal to the Court of Common Pleas, and there the decision of the lower court was affirmed, Judge Beckman delivering the opinion. The defendants were still dissatisfied with the opinion, and took the case on certiorari to the Supreme Court, which two years ago gave a decision sustaining the lower courts, Judge Depue giving the opinion. The case was next heard of in the Court of Errors and Appeals, where a decision was rendered at the last term in favor of the plaintiff, Chief Justice Beasley delivering the opinion. Lawyers are of the opinion that the case is destined to be a leading one on the principle involved and that it will be quoted for years to come in all the States of the Union.

THE ROBBERY RECORD.

While Mr. H. R. Baker, of No. 6 Broadway was going to his place of business on Thursday afternoon, he was annoyed by a number of bootblacks who persisted in offering papers to him. On reaching his office he found that $50 had been stolen from his vest pocket.... William Ayers, of No. 331 Arch street, Philadelphia, was robbed of his gold watch, valued at $80, on a Grand and Desbrosses street car.... The unoccupied house of George N. Mott, No. 163 East One Hundred and Nineteenth street, was entered on Wednesday night by burglars, who forced open the front parlor window and stole a looking-glass, two clocks, and a pair of vases, valued at $50. ....A sneak thief stole wearing apparel worth $40 from the apartments of Daniel McCarthy, No. 688 Greenwich street.... Clothing valued at $34 50 was stolen by sneak thieves from the apartments of Walter Piddelsden, at No. 247 West Twenty-seventh street.... An overcoat valued at $35 was stolen from the front of James B. Smith's store, at No. 518 Eighth avenue.... A shawl valued at $60 and an overcoat worth $25 were stolen from the residence of William Slenker, No. 534 West Thirty-fifth street. .... While Robert Brooks, of No. 587 Third avenue, was delivering goods yesterday, a thief stole from his wagon a package of tea and sugar valued at $4. .... John Mortimer, of No. 399 First avenue, reported yesterday that his room-mate, Joseph Smith, had stolen $100 from him and gone West.... Jewelry valued at $42 was stolen from the apartments of Mrs. Regina Beam. No. 214 Fifth street, by burglars.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

The Coroners' Office was yesterday notified that a female inmate of the Alms-house, on Blackwell's Island, had committed suicide by drowning. Coroner Woltman will hold an inquest.

Margaret Hughes, aged sixty-two, of No. 64 Chrystie street, was knocked down and severely injured by Car 80, of the Eighth Avenue Line, at the corner of Hudson and Charlton streets last night.

A counterfeit $20 bill, purporting to have been issued by the First National Bank of Portland, Conn., was passed by a stranger at the store of Daniel Cogan, No. 175 First avenue, on Thursday night.

The Controller yesterday, in accordance with the established custom, paid the school-teachers' salaries for the month of December before the expiration of the month. The total amount paid was $210,375 72.

On Thursday night some unknown person threw a paving-stone through a plate-glass window of the Irving Savings Bank, at the corner of Greenwich and Warren streets, smashing a pane of glass valued at $50.

Seneca G. Church, aged thirty-seven, of No. 30 East Twenty-second street, while crossing Twenty-third street, at Broadway, yesterday evening, was knocked down by a Cross-town car and severely injured.

James Younger, aged forty-five, of Morris avenue and One Hundred and Fiftieth street, jumped off a New-Haven train while it was going at full speed last night, and was seriously injured. He was taken home.

In the Tombs Police Court yesterday, Joseph Howard, Jr., appeared before Justice Bixby to answer a charge of assault made against him by John Franks, a restaurant keeper. The case was set down for Wednesday next, and Mr. Howard was discharged on his parole.

Yesterday afternoon the Police-boat Seneca came into collision at the foot of Jackson street with the sloop Helen A. Brown, carrying away the sloop's bowsprit, and damaging her rigging. The flange of the feed-cock of the Seneca was broken. She will have to be laid up for repairs.

Jacob Staudermann, the insane murderer, who was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Miss Siedenwald, was yesterday transferred from the Tombs to the State Prison at Sing Sing, where he will be confined for life, in accordance with the commutation of his sentence by Gov. Tilden.

A Christmas Eve supper for the poor was given last evening in the lecture hall of the Central M. E. Church, in Seventh avenue, near Fourteenth street, Rev. C. S. Harrower, Pastor. After the supper a large quantity of groceries and provisions was distributed among the poor families of the neighborhood.

The ordinances introduced by Alderman Morris, allowing the City railroad companies to sprinkle the space between their tracks with clear sand to secure a better footing for horses during the Winter, and permitting persons to sell fruit and holiday goods on a small portion of the sidewalks until Jan. 1, were approved yesterday by the Mayor.

During a fight in the bar-room, at No. 10 Battery place last night, Robert Casey, aged twenty-four, of No. 15 Washington street, was stabbed in the breast and severely wounded by Charles Brangan and Thomas Matthews, who were arrested and locked up in the Twenty-seventh Precinct by Capt. Saunders. Casey was taken to the Chambers Street Hospital.

Julia Lisskiowitz, aged seventeen, having no home, was found in the Newhaven waiting-room, at the Grand Central Depot last night, suffering from exhaustion. She had eaten nothing for four days. When discovered by the Police, she had a bottle of chloroform in her possession with which she threatened to commit suicide. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

The officers of the White Star Line of steamers yesterday took possession of their new offices at No. 37 Broadway. They are large and commodious, and admirably suited for the purpose for which they are to be used. By this new arrangement all the different departments have been brought under one roof, the rooms set apart for the bookkeepers, cashier, and freight and cabin passenger agency being on the first floor, with the steerage offices and agency in the basement.

Three "boatmen," named Thomas Williams, William Wood, and Denis Mahoney, were arrested yesterday morning by Detectives Harvey and Lawler, of the River Police, on suspicion of being the persons who robbed the brig John Kennedy, at the foot of East Thirty-ninth street, on the morning of the 21st inst. It will be remembered that the thieves, whose faces were partially concealed with masks, boarded the brig, and held revolvers over David Martin, the mate, and Thomas Miller, one of the crew, while they robbed the vessel. The prisoners, who are said to bear a very bad reputation, were held to await identification.

BROOKLYN.

There were yesterday 637 prisoners in the Kings County Penitentiary.

The public schools of the city closed yesterday for the Christmas holidays, in accordance with the usual custom.

The assessment for grading and curbing Rogers avenue, amounting to $36,747 40, was yesterday confirmed by the Board of Assessors.

The Police of the Eleventh District last night arrested Alexander Fuller, aged sixteen, who is charged with selling policy slips at No. 553 Fifth avenue.

Mayor Hunter, Controller Powell, and Auditor Searing, composing the Sinking Fund Commission, met yesterday, and examined the securities held by them on behalf of the city. The examination was satisfactory. The fund amounts to $3,660,-915 90.

At a meeting of the Eastern District liquor-dealers, recently held, it was asserted by one of the speakers that the Excise law enforced by the State was unconstitutional, and that only the National Government had power to make or enforce an Excise law.

Mary Ann Finnegan, aged sixteen, residing at No. 226 German street, Philadelphia, stole her father's gold watch yesterday morning and started for Brooklyn to spend Christmas with some relatives. She was arrested immediately after her arrival and locked up to await the appearance of a Philadelphia officer. The watch was in her possession when arrested.

Sheriff elect Daggett has announced that he will appoint Col. Lewis R. Stegman Under Sheriff, Col. Walter Thorne, George W. Harmer, Jacob Rosengarten, and George F. Elliott Deputy Sheriffs. George J. Hardy will retain his position as Order of Arrest Deputy, and the present keepers of the jail will not be removed. Mr. Daggett has almost completely recovered from his recent severe illness.

Gen. Roger A. Pryor, counsel for Water Commissioner William A. Fowler in the suit brought against that official by John E. Parsons, the representative of the Attorney General, in the Supreme Court of the City of New-York, has served a demand on Mr. Parsons to have the case tried in Kings County. Should the formal demand be refused by Mr. Parsons application will be made to the courts by Fowler's counsel.

NEW-JERSEY.

Fritz A. Meyer, the Chairman of the Union Hill Council, who disappeared so mysteriously a few weeks ago, returned home yesterday.

William Thompson, an aged resident of Bayonne, died suddenly yesterday while walking along First street. His death was caused by heart disease.

The Coroner's jury in the case of Dr. Dunham, of New-Brunswick, returned a verdict that deceased came to his death by drowning in the canal, but at whose hands they were unable to discover.

John Devine, aged sixty-three, died on Thursday night at his residence, No. 132 Steuben street, Jersey City, in consequence of injuries supposed to have been received by falling down stairs a week ago, while intoxicated.

Mrs. Sarah Jones, aged sixty-five years, committed suicide by cutting her throat, between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday, at her residence, No. 7 Easton avenue, New-Brunswick. She has been subject to fits for several years.

Hockenberry & Snyder, extensive dealers in ice and real estate in Paterson, have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. Their liabilities amount to about fifty thousand dollars, while their assets are estimated at about half that amount, principally in unimproved real estate. G. A. Hobart, the Receiver of the Midland Railroad, is the Assignee.

John Ayres, doorman at the First Precinct Station in Jersey City, died suddenly yesterday morning while sitting in a chair in the station-house. Deceased was seventy-one years old, and had been connected with the Police force in Jersey City since its first organization in 1836, with the exception of one or two brief intervals. Deputy County Physician Bird made a post mortem examination and decided that death resulted from heart disease.

Chancellor Runyon has granted an injunction at the suit of the Taxpayers' League, of Camden, restraining the city authorities from doing any more work on the new city hall, which is almost completed. The injunction is based on a supplement to the charter which prohibits the Council from increasing the debt of the city beyond $1,000,000, and that amount has already been exceeded to the extent of $60,000. The Council claims that the supplement only prohibits them increasing the funded debt of the city, and that they have a right to increase the floating debt to an unlimited amount.

OPEN CHRISTMAS TILL NOON.—Furs and Umbrellas for the ladies, and Fur Collars and Gauntlets, Umbrellas and Canes for the gentlemen, very appropriate gifts for the holidays, are obtainable at Knox's stores, No. 212 Broadway, No. 533 Broadway, and in the Fifth Avenue Hotel.—*Advertisement.*

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY Was made when DALLEY'S MAGICAL PAIN EXTRACTOR was invented. For burns, piles, sores, and cuts it is acknowledged to have no equal. 25 cents per box.—*Advertisement.*

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises.....7:22 | Sun sets.....4:38 | Moon rises..5:42

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook...6:01 | Gov. Island...6:50 | Hell Gate...8:12

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK..........FRIDAY, Dec. 24.

CLEARED.

Steam-ships John Gibson, Tull, Georgetown, D. C., New-York A. G. & W. S. S.; Fanita, Howe, Philadelphia, James Hand; City of San Antonio, Pennington, Key West and Galveston, C. H. Mallory & Co.; Pereire, (Fr.,) Danre, Havre via Plymouth, England, Lewis De Bebian; Elysia, (Br.,) Campbell, Glasgow, Henderson Bros.; Champion, Lockwood, Charleston, S. C., J. W. Quintard & Co.; Egbert, (Br.,) Barwise, London, England, Funch, Edye & Co.; San Salvador, Nickerson, Savannah, Ga., W. R. Garrison; Pioneer, Wakeley, Wilmington, N. C., William P. Clyde & Co.: New-Orleans, Dearborn, New-Orleans, La., Clark & Seaman; New-York, Quirk, New-Orleans, La., Charles A. Whitney & Co.; General Whitney, Hallett, Boston, Mass., H. F. Dimock; Wilmington, Gardner, Porto Plata, San Domingo, Grand Turk, &c., William P. Clyde & Co.

Ship Shakespeare, (Ger.,) Fechter, Bremen, Ger., Charles Luling & Co.

Barks F. Bottman, Ray, Coruna, John Zittlosen; Ironsides, Tapley, Genoa, Lunt Bros.; Ceren, (Aust.,) Bartolich, Cork or Falmouth for orders, John C. Seager; Deveti, Dubrovacki, (Aust.,) Knezevich, Dublin, Ireland, Slocovich & Co.; W. A. Farnsworth, (Br.,) Hanson, Zanzibar, Africa, G. Frank Dickman; B. M. Width, (Norw.,) Brekke, Lisbon, Port., C. Tobias & Co.; Otac Miho, (Aust.,) Zibilich, Dublin, Ireland, Benham & Boyesen.

Brigs Cora Green, Collins, Key West and Cedar Key, Benner & Pinckney; Guisborough, (Br.,) Hansen, Port Limon, C. R., Morrell & Co.

Schrs. Anna Frye, Smith, Boston, Jed Frye & Co.; William Hones, Falkenburg, New-Orleans, La., N. H. Brigham; E. J. Palmer, Stevens, Campeche, Mex., Theband Bros.; Florence P. Hall, Keene, Cape Haytien, Hayti, Simpson, Clapp & Co.; S. W. Bunnell, Bunnell, Richmond, Va., Slaght & Petty; George H. Mills, Tillotson, Boston, Mass., Joseph S. Cottrell & Co.; Carrie S. Webb, Rogers, Charleston, S. C., Bentley, Gildersleeve & Co.; M. E. Simmons, Gandy, Jacksonville, Fla., Warren Ray; Mary Helen, Sanborn, Pernambuco, Chase, Talbot & Co.; N. Hand, Dougherty, Para, Francis Moran; Etta May, Webster, St. Augustine, Fla., Warren Ray; John Mosser, Rhodes, Baltimore, Md., W. Chalmers.

Sloop Illinois, Wilson, New-Haven, Conn., Cartwright & Doyle.

ARRIVED.

Steam-ship George Daniels, Savannah Dec. 21, with mdse. and passengers to Murray, Ferris & Co.

Steam-ship Pioneer, Wakely, Wilmington, N. C., 3 ds., with mdse. and passengers to William P. Clyde & Co.

Steam-ship City of Chester, Chester, Penn., in ballast to master.

Ship Tamerlane, (Ger.,) Siedenburg, Antwerp 67 ds., with empty barrels to order—vessel to C. Tobias & Co. Dec. 9, lat. 39, lon. 71, encountered a heavy gale from N. W., in which lost and split sails and was driven back to lon. 67.

Ship Glengarry, (of Liverpool,) Millard, Calcutta Sept. 8, with mdse. to Warren & Co.

Bark Teresa Picasso, (Ital.,) Picasso, Leith 80 ds., with coal to order—vessel to Slocovich & Co. Oct. 10, in English Channel, encountered a gale, and lost and split sails; Nov. 1, lat. 14, lon. 15, saw a schr. (supposed American) dismasted, waterlogged, and abandoned, starboard side stove in as if by collision, and had evidently been drifting a long time.

Bark Republik, (Ger.,) Fortman, Hamburg 55 ds., with empty barrels to Herman Koop. Had strong W. and N. W. gales the entire passage.

Bark Shiela, (Br., new, 972 tons,) Mosher, Sharkness Point Oct. 29, via Hampton Roads and Port Royal, in ballast to master. Is anchored in Gravesend Bay.

Bark Niord, (Norw.,) Larsen, Rotterdam Oct. 19, in ballast to Funch, Edye & Co. Is anchored in Lower Bay for orders.

Bark Ornen, (Norw.,) Larsen, Amsterdam 59 ds., in ballast to order.

Brig Myronus, Higgins, Cette 72 ds., with wine to order—vessel to James Henry. Passed Gibraltar Oct. 6; Dec. 6, lat. 27 24, lon. 55 31, spoke bark Flora, (Br.,) from Liverpool, for Philadelphia.

Brig L. F. Munson, Munson, Lisbon 48 ds., with salt to G. Amsinck & Co.—vessel to F. Talbot & Co. Has had westerly winds the entire passage; Nov. 28, lat. 32 55, lon. 53 22, spoke bark Fanchon, (Br.,) from Bristol, for New-York; Dec. 11, lat. 34 11, lon. 68 18, spoke bark Susan M. Dudman, (Br.,) from Rotterdam, for Philadelphia; 20th, passed part of the fore or main mast of a small vessel.

Brig Lydia H. Cole, Reese, Guantanamo 16 ds., with sugar and rags to S. & W. Welsh—vessel to Waydell & Co.

Brig Mariana 1st, (Port.,) Des Merces, Rio Grande do Sul 54 ds., with hides, &c., to Oelrichs & Co. Dec. 23, at 7 P. M., was run into by schr. Henry Davis, hence for Baltimore, carrying away bowsprit and everything attached.

Brig Britannia, (of New-Haven,) Hotchkiss, St. Pierre 22 ds., with sugar and molasses to H. Trowbridge's Sons. Left in port bark Elvina, arr. Nov. 28, who reported Nov. 19, Bermuda bearing E. by S. 130 miles, boarded brig Samuel Welsh, (of Philadelphia,) waterlogged, dismasted, and abandoned.

Brig C. R. Burgess, (of Halifax,) McBride, Liverpool 55 ds., in ballast to C. W. Bertaux.

Schr. Lavinia Bell, Aldridge, Jacksonville 6 ds., with yellow pine to Drew & Buckl—vessel to Van Brunt & Bro.

Schr. City of Chelsea, (of Ellsworth,) Goodwin, Monte Guadaloupe 22 ds., with logwood, &c., to Hamlin & Son—vessel to Parsons & Loud.

Schr. Maggie Abbott, (of Bucksport,) Abbott, Para 19 ds., with rubber, &c., to Burdett & Pond—vessel to B. J. Wenberg. Dec. 21, lat. 32 47, lon. 74 10, spoke ship Glengarry, (Br.,) from Calcutta, for New-York.

Schr. Theresa, (of Boston,) McQuinn, Para 20 ds., with rubber, &c., to G. Amsinck & Co.—vessel to B. J. Wenberg.

Schr. Mary Lord, (of Ellsworth,) Lord, Denia Oct. 11, via Gibraltar Nov. 1, with fruit to order—vessel to D. B. Dearborn. Came a northern passage and had heavy westerly gales; carried away gaffs and flying boom, split sails, and shipped large quantities of water; stove deck-house, washed off tarpaulins, and flooded cabin and galley; came by way of Long Island Sound.

Schr. J. & L. Bryan, Lee, Charleston 5 ds., with naval stores, &c., to Blossom, Haines & Co.—vessel to Bentley, Gildersleeve & Co.

Schr. Kate Miller, Vansant, Galveston 14 ds., with cotton, &c., to master. Is bound for Fall River.

Schr. Nellie M. Snow, Snow, Virginia.

Schr. J. R. Bodwell, Wallace, Bluehill, with granite to Bridge Co.

Schr. Mercy T. Trundy, Crowley, Calais, with lumber to order.

Schr. Pearl, Hathaway, Saco, with heading to E. H. Dickens.

Schr. M. B. Griffin, Gould, Gloucester, with fish to order.

Schr. Marshal Ney, Boyd, Eastport, with fish to John Boynton's Son.

Schr. Anson Stimpson, Stimpson, Rockport, with granite to master.

Schr. Helena E. Russell, Lewis, Quincy Point, with granite to master.

Schr. Nadab, Chenny, Newburyport, for Virginia.

Schr. Joseph Baymore, Rockhill, Portsmouth, for Philadelphia.

Schr. Mary E. Fowler, Foster, Salem, for Philadelphia.

Schr. Onward, Shaw, Lynn, for Philadelphia.

Schr. Caroline Kienzel, Dilk, Wickford, for Philadelphia.

Schr. William S. Fletcher, Phillips, Boston, for Alexandria.

Schr. Albert C. Paige, Hadley, Boston, for Philadelphia.

Schr. J. M. Leonard, Crowley, Providence.

Schr. Phœbe Elizabeth, Mapes, Providence.

Schr. Panthea, McDaid, Providence.

Schr. Oceanus, Young, Providence.

Schr. James English, Barker, Providence.

Schr. Millie Washburn, Littlefield, Providence, for Virginia.

Schr. John Beacham, Beacham, Providence, for Baltimore.

Schr. L. B. Wing, Boice, Providence, for Philadelphia.

Schr. Henry Allen, Tatem, Providence, for Philadelphia.

Schr. Hattie Paige, Godfrey, Providence, for Philadelphia.

Schr. R. T. Graham, Jarvis, Providence, for Port Johnson.

Schr. L. Holway, Bryant, Providence, for Port Johnson.

Schr. J. H. Burnett, Rasmussen, Providence, for Port Johnson.

Schr. Mary E. Bayles, Wakeley, Providence, for Port Johnson.

Schr. Minnesota, Coombs, Providence, for Port Johnson.

Schr. Fanny Fern, Eaton, Providence, for Port Johnson.

Schr. Samuel Castner, Lake, Boston, for Virginia.

Schr. Viola, Nelson, Boston, for Alexandria.

SAILED—Steam-ships Wilmington, for San Domingo; George Cromwell, for Halifax.

WIND—Sunset, a gale, E., with sleet, and very thick.

FOREIGN PORTS.

CARDENAS, Dec. 24—Arr. Dec. 22, schr. J. B. Gilkey, Gilkey, New-York; Dec. 23, brig Belle Walters, (Br.,) Kyffen, Troon.

Sld. Dec. 22, brig G. W. Chase, Patterson, N. of Hatteras.

GLACE BAY, Dec. 24—Arr. Dec. 23, schr. Jesse Hoyt, (Br.,) McDonald, Dublin.

HAVANA, Dec. 24—Arr. Dec. 23, steamer Francoli, (Span.,) Gartigues, New-Orleans, for Liverpool; barks Abiel Abbott, Chase, Lobos; Emma L. Oulton, (Br.,) McKenzie, Newport, Eng.; brig M. W. Norwood, Andrews, Cardiff. Dec. 24—Steamer Austin, Morgan, Rockport, Texas.

Sld. Dec. 23, steamers City of New-York, Timmerman, New-York; Francoli, (Span.,) Gartiguez, Liverpool; bark Inez, (Span.,) Comas, Savannah; brigs Havana, Meyer, New-York; Maria, (Span.,) Juan, Charleston; schrs. Phebe, New-York; Mary Munroe, Hall, Pensacola.

LOCKPORT, N. S., Dec. 22.—Sld. brig Qui Vive, (Br.,) Jamaica.

MATANZAS, Dec. 22.—Arr. brig Ethel Bolton, (Br.,) Bailey, St. John, N. B.; schr. F. Scribner, Deasey, Portland.

SAGUA, Dec. 21.—Arr. brig G. F. Geery, Conklin, Philadelphia; schr. Fannie A. Bailey, Hutchinson, Portland.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 23.—Cld. brigs Flying Scud, (Br.,) Marseilles; John Givan, (Br.,) Cienfuegos.

Dec. 24.—Sld. barks Keystone, (Br.,) Newry; Thomas Keillor, (Br.,) Bishop, Liverpool; Lydia, (Br.,) Chalmers, Belfast; Emma F. Harriman, Whittier, Havana; brig John Givan, (Br.,) Cienfuegos.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 22.—Arr. steamer King Richard, (Br.,) Pearson, Baltimore for Rio Janeiro.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS BY CABLE.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Sld. Montebello, King Cerdic, Cetverti Dubrovacki, Stratford, Smyrniote, Hattie Pettis, Afton, John Swan, and Samuel.

Arr. out on the 20th inst., Hope.

Arr. out on the 22d inst., Georgie, Screamer, Hattie Goudey, Superior, Champion, Themis, Regina Tolck, Freeman Dennis, Jannetje, Frisk, Constance, Semiramis.

Arr. out on the 24th inst., Finn, Luisa, Zodiac, Helios, Union, Prioress, the latter at Plymouth.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—The steam-ship Marina, Capt. Trottman, from New-Orleans Dec. 3, arrived here yesterday.

The steam-ship San Marcos, Capt. Burrows, from Galveston Dec. 3, arrived here to-day.

MOVILLE, Dec. 24.—The Allan Line steam-ship Nova Scotian, Capt. Richardson, from Baltimore Dec. 10, for Liverpool, arr. here to-day and proceeded.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 24.—The Cunard steam-ship Java, Capt. Martyn, from New-York Dec. 15, for Liverpool, arr. here at 5 o'clock this morning.

FROM THE SUNDAY TELEGRAM OF TO-MORROW.

JUDGE SANTA CLAUS.

What His Honor Put in the Stockings of the Tombs Coterie.

THE DOUBLE-BARRELED GIFT TO M'MANUS.

The Tale of a Duck—A Hat at Half-Mast—The Widdy O'Lone—Fooling with a Buzz-Saw—Strong Coffee—The Boy's Resolve.

His Honor exhibited unusual enthusiasm as he shook Mr. McManus by the hand, and there was a tear in his eye, as he said:

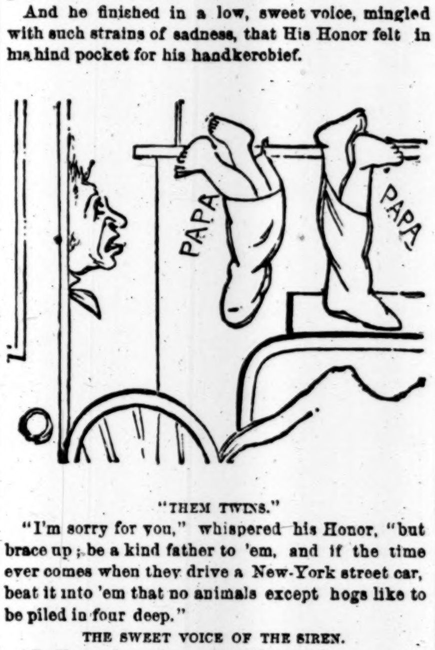
"It seems to me that every Christmas grows better and better. As I devoured my goose on this Christmas morning I thought I had never tasted such goose before, and I felt pity for those poor, forlorn people who didn't have anything but oysters and chickens and turkey and lobster-salad and clam chowder and wild game. And Santa Claus did not forget me either."

Mr. McManus turned away his head and preserved silence.

"Why this icebergness—this Polar conduct?" inquired His Honor, in tones of surprise.

"I—I also got something in my stocking," whispered Mr. McManus. "It was"—

And he finished in a low, sweet voice, mingled with such strains of sadness, that His Honor felt in his hind pocket for his handkerchief.



"THEM TWINS."

"I'm sorry for you," whispered his Honor, "but brace up; be a kind father to 'em, and if the time ever comes when they drive a New-York street car, beat it into 'em that no animals except hogs like to be piled in four deep."

THE SWEET VOICE OF THE SIREN.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said the Court, as he took his accustomed seat, "those who fell by the wayside will now be brought out, talked with, reasoned with, advised as to the best manner of keeping sober in tight times, and I trust that each one in the audience will go away feeling that law is a jewel of the first water. Mister McManus, you can now commence to proceed."

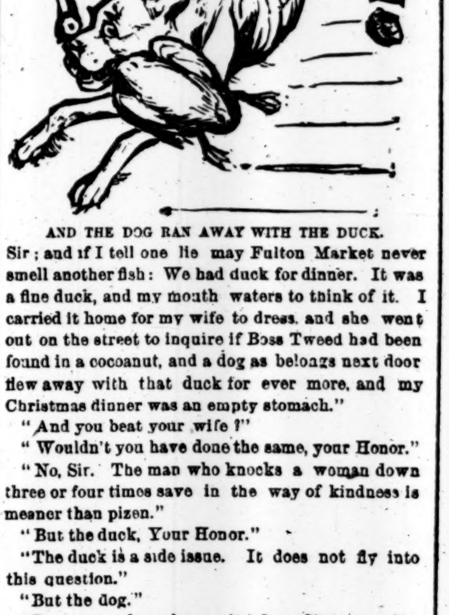
A DOG-GONED SHAME.

"It wasn't my fault," said John Henry Pascall, of Chatham street, as he was balanced out.

"Ah!" sighed his Honor, as he leaned back and locked his fingers in fond embrace, "don't you remember the sad poem commencing with:

> Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
> The saddest are these—
> 'It wasn't my fault!'"

"No, Sir; I don't," replied the prisoner; "but I'm an innocent man. This is just how it was,



AND THE DOG RAN AWAY WITH THE DUCK.

Sir; and if I tell one lie may Fulton Market never smell another fish: We had duck for dinner. It was a fine duck, and my mouth waters to think of it. I carried it home for my wife to dress, and she went out on the street to inquire if Boss Tweed had been found in a cocoanut, and a dog as belongs next door flew away with that duck for ever more, and my Christmas dinner was an empty stomach."

"And you beat your wife?"

"Wouldn't you have done the same, your Honor."

"No, Sir. The man who knocks a woman down three or four times save in the way of kindness is meaner than pizen."

"But the duck, Your Honor."

"The duck is a side issue. It does not fly into this question."

"But the dog."

"It is a poor dog who won't take a Christmas dinner when it ducks its head to him. No, Mr. Pascall, you can't fowl around here with any such excuses, and it's thirty for you."

"Thirty years!" exclaimed the prisoner, turning pale.

His Honor nodded and smiled, and another shadow crept along the rail, keeping even pace with

A WELL-WORN RELIC

of other days—the days when money was no object to New-York taxpayers. He said his name was Billy Shine, but there was no shine to his hat, to his fat red face, or on his boots, the last pair which Tammany gave out for votes.

"Once you were happy, now you're down to hard-pan, and greasy elbows, and patched knees," remarked His Honor, as Mr. Shine was shown to the proper location.

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